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208 E Orange St  
Tuscaloosa Ala,

March, 21-19, 65-  
FBI. J Edgar Hoover

Washington D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover-I know you know much more than I, about our world-  
so many crimes, and I guess you know we have them in Selma Ala  
by the thousand s from every where. They say on voting-well I know  
some white dont vote also some turn down-only God know-what our world  
will come too, I'm a Grandmother live in Ala all life, Alabama have  
lately had names. I'm thinking some day many may know-We are not  
bad people in Ala, may God Bless our World-for Peace.

Sincerely

Mrs Lucile Hall.

Im trusting and praying some day all this will clear away clipping  
I'm sending. I did not know if news reach there like we catch some  
time, Thank's

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March, 21 - 1965 -

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CORRESPONDENCE

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10 Saturday, Mar. 19, 1965

## Rabbi Pictures Racial Leaders As Anarchists

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A rabbi has charged that leaders of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee are "activists and revolutionaries" who want to cause trouble rather than further the civil rights movement. Rabbi Richard L. Rubenstein, a University of Pittsburgh chaplain, told a student rally Friday that SNCC leaders invited college students to Montgomery, Ala., for a civil rights demonstration because "they wanted dead bodies, our bodies."

Rabbi Rubenstein accompanied about 130 Pittsburgh area students to Montgomery and was present when possemen on horseback broke up the demonstration with billy clubs Tuesday.

The rabbi told the rally, called by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that SNCC executive secretary James Forman "lied to the Pittsburgh students and tried to use them."

Rabbi Rubenstein said Pittsburgh students went to Montgomery thinking that the demonstration would be nonviolent but were told by an SNCC leader the first night that "you may have to lay down your life in this demonstration."

Forman said "I don't want to get into a public hassle with anyone" but he said he questioned Rubenstein's motives in making the statements.

"I'm not surprised by what he said," Forman said. He said he had trouble with Rubenstein in Montgomery and that there was conflict between the rabbi and students in his group.

Eric Stern, president-elect of the student government at the University of Pittsburgh and a participant in the demonstrations, said, "we were not lied to by the leadership of SNCC in Montgomery."

Stern said at his home in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, the Pitt students who went to Montgomery were told on the dangers involved and given a chance to leave. None left, he said.

"We were assured by SNCC in Montgomery that police permission had been granted for demonstrations there," the rabbi said. "That was a lie. As we moved down the streets in the demonstrations, SNCC leaders went into a high school and ~~asked~~ children to leave their classes and join the demonstration. That was both immoral and illegal." He said the SNCC leaders did the same thing at a grammar school.

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High Today, 44.  
Low Tonight, 26.  
Details on Page 2.

147th Year, 79th Issue

# Rights Leaders Promise Appeal Of Selma Order

By PHIL ORAMOUS

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Civil rights leaders have promised immediate appeal of a federal judge's order limiting the scope of their protest demonstrations in Selma.

Federal marshals were to arrive today to serve the order by U.S. Dist. Judge Daniel H. Thomas of Mobile. Thomas ordered demonstrations confined to an area around the Browns Chapel A.M.E. Church, the rallying point for the demonstrators, and a route downtown which leads past City Hall and to the Dallas County Courthouse.

The judge's order came within hours after police took into "protective custody" more than 300 demonstrators picketing the house of Mayor Joseph T. Smitherman in a white residential area.

Meanwhile, special committees worked late into the night at the church preparing for Sunday's 50-mile march to Montgomery in protest to voter registration procedures in Alabama. The committees worked on such things as first aid, food, toilets and other required items.

The immediate reaction to Thomas' order from an aide to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Rev. William Greer, was: "all of Selma, all of Alabama, all of America is our arena."

Greer said that if the protest area is restricted, they would appeal the order to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

The order was telephoned to a Selma official Friday night.

The judge said, "persons can peacefully congregate, demonstrate or picket for the purpose of expressing grievances "in the areas around the church and along the streets leading to the city hall and courthouse.

Harry G. Boyte of Atlanta, another King aide, called the white residential area "the sensitive area of Selma which we would be remiss in not touching."

Taking demonstrators into "protective custody" was a new move by Public Safety Director Wilson Baker. He told them, "We have had trouble with you folks before and we are taking you into custody to protect you."

As those arrested were being loaded into buses for the trip to City Hall where they were herded into a courtroom, two incidents occurred.

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ENCLOSURE

March 29, 1965

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44-28492-42

Mrs. Lucile Hall  
208 East Orange Street  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Your letter of March 21st, with enclosures, has been received.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring your views to my attention. In connection with these matters, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, along with other material I trust will be of assistance to you in learning of the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights matters.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)  
Remarks Made By Senator Dodd  
U. S. News and World Report, 12-21-64 ✓  
Our Heritage of Greatness  
2/65 LEB Introduction

NOTE: No information in Bufiles to preclude this letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 25, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA  
STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND  
POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL  
OF APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS, SELMA,  
ALABAMA, 3/7/65  
HOSEA WILLIAMS;  
JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

The initial report of our investigation of the dispersal of demonstrators and their attempted march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/7/65 established that the dispersal was accomplished by state troopers and members of the Dallas County Sheriff's posse through the use of tear gas and clubs without apparent provocation on the part of the demonstrators. This initial report was submitted to the Department on 3/12/65. At the request of the Department we are now conducting an extensive and exhaustive investigation to identify subjects and victims involved in specific incidents of brutality.

Photographs taken by the Agents and supplemented by news and television media photographs have been prepared in sets of more than 200 pictures each. The investigating teams of Agents, through the use of these sets of photographs and interviews of witnesses and victims who were injured, are identifying and interviewing additional victims and witnesses and attempting to have them point out specific officers depicted in the photographs as possibly committing an act of brutality.

Selma Public Safety Director J. Wilson Baker and officers of the Selma Police Department who were on the scene under orders by Baker that they control traffic and spectators only and not participate in stopping the marchers have been interviewed. They furnished their observations of the incident, but stated they were busy with their duties when the demonstrators were routed by the Alabama state troopers and the Sheriff's posse members and did not see any acts of brutality. We have

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RE: UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA  
STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND  
POSSE MEMBERS, ET AL

obtained lists of the identities of these state troopers and the Sheriff's deputies and posse members who participated in stopping the march but due to prohibitive restrictions placed upon interview of these officers by Colonel Al Lingo, Director, Alabama State Highway Patrol and Dallas County Sheriff James G. Clark, they will not be interviewed. The Attorney General has been advised of this.

We have interviewed numerous participants and witnesses in the march who furnished information which aids in reconstructing the circumstances of the dispersal and the resulting chaotic conditions that ensued, but these persons state that they were not injured or struck and could not identify any officer who struck at any of the demonstrators. A number of victims were interviewed who suffered from tear gas, but they were not otherwise injured and could not identify any officers in connection with the injury to any particular person.

Only one victim has identified, from a photograph, a mounted posse member as the person who he states struck him. He could not furnish the identity of any corroborating witnesses.

Mrs. Amelia Boynton, leader of the Dallas County Voters League, states that she was knocked unconscious but remembers nothing that followed and cannot identify her assailant. We have interviewed several other victims who were struck and one victim whose arm was broken in the confusion of the dispersal, but they could not identify their assailants from the photographs. One victim was interviewed who stated that Sheriff Clark was his assailant and it was determined that he served a year in the Dallas County Jail on an assault with intent to murder charge during which time he served as a trustee in Clark's office. A detailed examination of the photographs of the dispersal do not bear out his account or indicate that Clark was ever in a position of proximity to victim.

One victim states that she observed a trooper strike one Linda Blackman after Blackman had bitten the trooper on the hand. The trooper was attempting to pull Blackman out of the crowd by the arm. This victim also said she saw Sheriff Clark on horseback strike a man with a billy club. It has been established that Sheriff Clark was not on horseback at any time during the dispersal of the marchers. Many of the victims,

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particularly some of the leaders of the march of 3/7/65, are currently participating in the march from Selma to Montgomery which began on 3/21/65 and have not been available for interview. Selma has been instructed not to chase these persons around for interview and specifically not to interview any of them at the campsite or while they are participating in a demonstration. They will be interviewed when they make themselves available.

ACTION:

We are keeping the Department advised on a current basis of the progress of our investigation in this matter. Mobile is submitting a report today of our investigation and after review at the Bureau, it will be promptly furnished to the Department.

*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
Jesse Shaw  
R. Sam  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 28 1965

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FBI SELMA ALA

*March - Selma Ala.*  
*3/27/65*

3:31PM CST URGENT 3-28-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR (44-12831) AND SACS JACKSON AND NEW YORK  
FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (56-45)

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| Mr. Tolson   |  |
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~~REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOTING  
DISCRIMINATION, CIVIL RIGHTS DASH ELECTION LAWS.~~

~~JOHN BART GERALD, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CR.~~

~~Unknown Subjects~~

~~UNSUBS ARRESTED MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, MARCH TWENTYFIVE~~

~~SIXTYFIVE, JOHN BART GERALD, MICHAEL SHIELDS, VICTIMS.~~

~~ATTORNEY HENRY SCHWARTZCHILD COMPLAINANT, CR.~~

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TO BUREAU AND JACKSON, MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST, BUTELCON  
MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

JOHN BART GERALD, ROBERT LAWRENCE WALSH, AND MICHAEL  
KRAMER SHIELDS INTERVIEWED MONTGOMERY COUNTY EX-101 THIS DATE.

ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED ADVISED THEY WERE NOT THREATENED OR  
MISTREATED BY ANYONE DURING MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY.

STATE RECEIVED EXCELLENT TREATMENT MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL AND  
NOT FEARFUL OF TREATMENT MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL.

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*Mr. Charles Quarles*  
*advised 3/29/65*  
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~~JACK~~ ENKE AND ~~DOUGLAS~~ TOWNSON ALSO INCARCERATED MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL NOT INTERVIEWED. ALL FIVE PERSONS, WHITE, MALE, NOT TRAVELING IN MIXED GROUP, ARRESTED MARCH TWENTYSIX LAST ON PETTY LARCENY CHARGE ON WARRANT SIGNED BY PERSON OPERATING RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED THEFT OF EIGHT PAPERS.

PERSONS ARRESTED ON PETTY LARCENY CHARGES ACQUITTED MARCH TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. TOWNSON HAD IN POSSESSION SWITCHBLADE KNIFE AT TIME OF ARREST ON MARCH TWENTYSIX. ON MARCH TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYFIVE, CHARGE AGAINST THE FIVE MADE CHARGING THEM WITH POSSESSION OF CONCEALED WEAPONS IN CONNECTION WITH FLARE PISTOL LOCATED IN AUTOMOBILE OF ROBERT WALSH. ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND SET.

ATTORNEY SOLOMON SEAY, JR., ADVISED THIS DATE CHARGES AGAINST THE FIVE WILL BE HEARD MONDAY, MARCH TWENTYNINE, NEXT.  
END PAGE TWO.



PAGE THREE.

SEAY STATES HE IS OF OPINION CHARGES WILL BE DROPPED AGAINST ALL EXCEPT WALSH. SEAY STATES REGARDLESS OF DECISION, BOND WILL BE MADE FOR ALL FIVE PERSONS AND THEY WILL LEAVE MONTGOMERY AND RETURN HOME ON MARCH TWENTYNINE, NEXT. SEAY HAS NO APPREHENSION FOR SAFETY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

LOCAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES AND SEAY ADVISED FBI WOULD NOT FURNISH POLICE PROTECTION FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THEY WERE APPREHENSIVE FOR THEIR SAFETY.

MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, INDICATED THEY WILL AFFORD PERSONAL PROTECTION FOR ALL FIVE PERSONS FROM TIME OF THEIR RELEASE UNTIL THEY LEAVE MONTGOMERY.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM.

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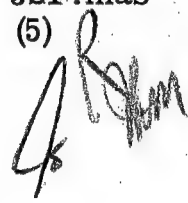
March 29, 1965

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Parents of Gerald and Shields, both of whom attended Civil Rights Rally, Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/28/65 by telegram from New York requested FBI protection for sons who are to be released 3/29/65 from Montgomery Jail where they are being held on local charges. Gerald and Shields interviewed and made no allegations of Civil Rights violations. New York Office advised parents no protection to be afforded the youths. Their lawyer and authorities in Alabama also advised. Montgomery Police Department will afford protection until they leave Montgomery, Alabama.

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1 - Mr. Hines

**To: SAC, New York (44-1108)**

**From: Director, FBI (44-28492)**

Reurtel 3/23/65 entitled "Registrars Voters, Dallas County, Alabama, Voting Discrimination; CR - EL."

Promptly advise Mrs. Dillard of CBS-TV and obtain the desired copies. When obtained, forward them to the Bureau and they will be furnished to Mr. Owen.

NOTE: At request of the Department we have obtained copies of news media and TV film of the incident at Selma on 3/7/65 wherein state troopers and sheriff's posse members stopped an attempted march from Selma to Montgomery through use of tear gas and billy clubs. CBS-TV advised they would not furnish the two reels of film above until after they had exhibited it on TV. On 3/23/65 they advised New York the film was still available if still desired. The Department was advised on 3/23/65. On 3/29/65 Owen advised that the film was still desired.

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3/7/65 On 3/7  
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FBI SELMA ALA

March - Selma, Ala.  
4:20 PM CST 3-28-65 URGENT LMS 3/7/65

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH SEVEN SIXTYFIVE; HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CR DASH EL

REMOTEL SUMMARY MARCH TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

TELETYPE SUMMARY.

ALL AGENT PERSONNEL TODAY BEING UTILIZED IN INVESTIGATIONS AND CRIME SCENS SEARCH IN CASE ENTITLED, QUOTE EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL MRS. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA; LEROY JEROME MOTON DASH VICTIMS, CR DASH EL UNQUOTE, THEREFORE NO INVESTIGATIVE LEADS IN CAPTIONED CASE WERE COVERED THIS DATE.

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FBI SELMA ALA

7:58PM CST URGENT 3-26-65 MFH  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

*McGowan*  
*Hines*

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REMO SUMMARY TEL MARCH TWENTYFIVE LAST.

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED CASE HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE TODAY IN AS MUCH AS AGENT PERSONNEL IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE ENTITLED QUOTE EUGENE THOMAS, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS; GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA MRS. ANTHONY J. LIUZZO, LEROY JEROME MOTON DASH VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS DASH ELECTION LAWS UNQUOTE. REPORT BEING PREPARED IN CAPTIONED CASE TO BE SUMMITTED IMMEDIATELY.

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cc: Hines

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March - Selma, Ala.  
3/7/65



12:10AMCST URGENT 3-26-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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*March - Selma Ala. 3-7-65*

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AT NINE FORTY FIVE P.M., MARTIN LUTHER KING AND WIFE TOOK OFF FROM THE MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN A PURDUE AIRLINES C-54 TYPE AIRCRAFT CHARTERED AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY BY KING'S BROTHER A.D. KING. MR. AND MRS. A.D. KING AS WELL AS REV. AND MRS. ABERNATHY ACCOMPANIED THE KINGS AND THE CHILDREN OF THE ABERNATHYS WERE ALSO ALONG. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MR. AND MRS. R.P. SMILEY, OWNER OPERATOR SMILEY'S DENTAL LABORATORY, MONTGOMERY, WHO APPEARS TO BE A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF M.L. KING. MARTIN LUTHER KING TO BE DROPPED OFF AT ATLANTA.

WHEN RE. KING AND ENTOURAGE ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT TONIGHT, A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH PRESIDENT OF THE SLEEPING CAR PORTERS UNION, FAINTED AT THE AIRPORT AND WAS FLOWN OUT IN A PRIVATE TWIN ENGINE BEECHCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER N FIVE SEVEN C C.

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FBI ATLANTA

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March 26, 1965

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Civil Rights Division being  
advised.

A handwritten signature, possibly "Jk", in dark ink.A handwritten signature, possibly "Spencer", in dark ink.

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Date: 3/23/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)(P)

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE  
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HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL -  
VICTIMS  
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(OO: MOBILE)

Re New York airtels both dated 3/14/65.

Regarding UPI photographs and contact sheets supplied this office, Departmental attorneys on scene at Selma were furnished the copies of the photographs re Departmental request. Departmental attorney FRANK DUNBAR advised this office on 3/23/65, that contact sheets do not include all of the UPI photographs that were supplied to him. Copies of the five contact sheets are enclosed.

NEW YORK, will attempt to supply missing contacts as they are needed for a chronological study of the photographs.

Regarding Associated Press negatives that Mr. BUELL advised the New York Office would be available on or about the middle of the week starting 3/15/65, Departmental attorney FRANK DUNBAR states that he will only need extra copies of 15 to 20

- 3 - Bureau  
2 - New York (Encls-5) (44-1108)  
2 - Mobile (44-1234)  
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of these pictures. Since there is no reference on the copies of these photographs previously supplied to him, he has requested contact sheets of these negatives so that he may select the print order.

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## GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns the attempted march from Selma to Montgomery on 3/7/65 when members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers forcefully dispersed the marchers. Civil Rights Division is being advised of information in attached.

HGR:view

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "R. Gen" or similar, written below the typed name "HGR:view".

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P7:45PMCSR URGENT 3-24-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES,

AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX

TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, THREE SEVEN SIXTYFIVE;

HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS

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RE SUMMARY TELETYPE TO BUREAU MARCH TWENTYTHREE LAST

SUMMARY TELETYPE

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED TODAY RELATIVE TO  
CAPTIONED CASE:

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JOHNNIE REMBERT, ONE TWO ONE FOUR SULLIVAN, SELMA, MAR 26 1965

ADVISED HE OBSERVED THE MARCH AND DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS

NEAR EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE ON THREE SEVEN SIXTYFIVE. HE

WAS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE MARCH HOWEVER HE WAS CHASED

BY MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS WEARING ORANGE HELMETS AND KHAKI

SHIRTS AND PANTS. HE DESCRIBED THE POSSEMAN NEAREST HIM

AS BEING FORTY TO SIXTY YEARS OF AGE. HE WAS NOT INJURED NOR

DID HE SUFFER ANY ASSAULTS AT THE MARCH.

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LOUVENA LEE, EIGHT ZERO THREE GREEN STREET, PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH ON THREE SEVEN LAST, WAS GASSED, AND RECEIVED TREATMENT AT BROWN CHAPEL AME CHURCH. SHE WAS NOT ASSAULTED BY ANYONE NOR DID SHE SEE ANYONE ASSAULTED. SHE ADVISED SHE WAS CHASED BACK ACROSS THE PETTUS BRIDGE BY MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS WHO SWUNG AT HER WITH CLUBS BUT DID NOT HIT HER. SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE IDENTITY OF ANY POSSE.

GLEN SHOWERS, EIGHT ZERO THREE GREEN STREET, ADVISED HE WAS AN OBSERVER AND NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE MARCH ON THREE SEVEN LAST. HE WAS CHASED BY MOUNTED POSSE BUT WAS NOT ASSAULTED NOR DID HE SEE ANYONE ELSE ASSAULTED.

HENRY SHANNON, FIFTEEN NINETEEN SYLVAN STREET, ADVISED THAT HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH THREE SEVEN, <sup>1965</sup>LAST. HE WAS ABOUT TENTH IN LINE IN THE COLUMN, WAS HIT BY AN UNIDENTIFIED STATE TROOPER. A GAS CANNISTER WAS ALSO THROWN AT HIM WHICH STRUCK HIM ON THE BACK OF THE NECK AND DISCHARGED GAS ALL ABOUT HIS HEAD.

SUSIE BELL HOLIFIELD, AGE TWENTY, STATED SHE WAS STRUCK ON THE LEFT <sup>A</sup>ARM AND UPPER LIP BY UNIDENTIFIED PERSON IN

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UNIFORM. SHE WAS NOT HOSPITALIZED AS RESULT OF THESE INJURIES.

GLORIA ANITA KING, AGE FIFTEEN, STATED SHE WAS TREATED AT FIRST AID STATION AT BROWN CHAPEL CHURCH, SELMA, AS RESULT OF TEAR GAS, HOWEVER, WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY ASSAILANTS.

SYLVESTER L. LUNDY, AGE TWENTYSEVEN, STATED HE WAS POSITIONED AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE OF MARCHERS AND CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN HIT BY SHERIFF CLARK WITH A NIGHTSTICK ACROSS THE BACK, HOWEVER, LUNDY WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY THE EXACT TIME AND PLACE TO IDENTIFY ANY WITNESSES TO THIS BEATING OR OTHER ASSAILANTS APPEARING IN PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED TO HIM

ALBERT TURNER, AGE TWENTYNINE, ADVISED HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY INJURED DURING THE DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS EXCEPT FOR TEAR GAS IN HIS EYES. STATED HE DID WITNESS BEATING OF A MRS. <sup>FIRST NAME UNKNOWN</sup> PAREN ~~ENU~~ PAREN MOORE BY SEVERAL ALABAMA STATE STOOPERS AND WAS ABLE TO POINT OUT MRS. MOORE IN PHOTOS DISPLAYED TO HIM.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, FRANK DUNBAUGH, BEING ADVISED OF PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION.

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6:10 PM CST 3/25/65 URGENT TAT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

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SUMMARY TELETYPE.

RE TELETYPE SUMMARY, MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST.

ALL AGENTS ASSIGNED INVESTIGATION IN ABOVE CAPTIONED  
CASE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TODAY AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, COVERING  
MARCH THAT TERMINATED FOUR PM CST. NO INVESTIGATIVE LEADS  
COVERED.

REPORT IN CAPTIONED CASE BEING PREPARED TO BE SUBMITTED  
NEXT DATE.

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March 22, 1965

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Kelly

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C. 20520

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing a memorandum setting forth information concerning Doctor Ralph J. Bunche. It is noted that Doctor Bunche did go to Selma and participated in the march on March 21, 1965.

This information has been furnished to the White House.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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NOTE:

Information is being furnished to the White House and the Secretary of State that Dr. Ralph J. Bunche "lives on the needle" and that he reportedly would participate in the march from Selma to Montgomery, 3/21/65.

Information in enclosed memorandum is classified Secret because it contains information from a highly confidential source whose disclosure would be injurious to the national defense.

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
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March 22, 1965

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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Kelly

**MARCH FROM SELMA TO  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,  
COMMENCING ON MARCH 21, 1965**

News sources have reported that Doctor Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs, stated on March 19, 1965, that he would participate in the civil rights march from Selma, to Montgomery, Alabama.

A reliable source advised on March 20, 1965, that Bayard Rustin had advised the source that he, Rustin, would not go to Montgomery, Alabama, on March 21, 1965, but would proceed to Washington, D. C., and would meet with Joseph Rauh at the leadership conference to discuss the voting bill.

According to the source, Rustin requested that individuals in Montgomery, Alabama, be advised that Doctor Ralph J. Bunche would arrive there by Delta Airlines, March 20, 1965, at 8:30 p. m. and to inform them that Doctor Bunche has a physical condition which makes it impossible for him to walk more than an hour and a half, and he must then be picked up by a car. Rustin further stated Doctor Bunche must get to the march by 9 a. m., and he must have a private room so he can get to the bathroom, as "he lives on the needle." Rustin stated he doesn't want this spread around. Appropriate arrangements were to be made for Doctor Bunche, and if such arrangements could not be made, Doctor Bunche was to be advised so he would not go to Montgomery.

For your information, Bayard Rustin is a frequent advisor of Reverend Martin Luther King. Rustin is a former member of the Young Communist League, an organization which has been designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Joseph Rauh is Vice-Chairman of Americans for Democratic

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

*March Selma Ala 3-7-65*

I would like to hear from you by public press as to whether or not you agree with your F. B. I. agent, Mr. James M. Barbo of Mobile, Ala. that you think the State Troopers acted in the interest of public safety by tear-gassing Negro marchers last Sunday at Selma, Ala.

I saw a picture on TV of a scene last Sunday night in which men in the uniform of peace officers mounted and deputized officers or sheriffs that trampled, clubbed, bull-whipped and gas bombed prostrate Negroes and their friends, and including women and children because they were trying to exercise their constitutional rights.

It was the most monstrous, brutal thing I've even

Please also give us some data on Mr. Barbo, such as where he was born, where he was educated, where he was trained as an F. B. I. agent, and how long he has been stationed in the South. It may help to clear up our judgment and it will avoid some unnecessary remarks about the F. B. I. that happened not too long ago and which I am sure you will remember.

I think he should be fired immediately.

I think that as a citizen of the U. S. I have a right to ask this. For the record, I am white, Anglo-Saxon and Christian and old.

If the negroes do go underground they will be supported by the north, you can be assured. I blame L. B. Johnson for the deaths of Rev. James J. Reeb and James Lee Jackson. NEGLIGENCE!

Yours truly, 13 MAR 20

*Alice P. Guillemette*

(Mrs.) Alice P. Guillemette

ENCLOSURE

# The Providence Journal

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1965

## Ominous Signs of Armed Negro Reprisals

There are ominous signs that American Negroes may be approaching the brink of armed reprisals against officially-supported white racism in the Deep South.

The miracle is that it has not already occurred in the face of brutally enforced injustice in Alabama and Mississippi and in wide areas of other southern states. It is incredible what the American Negro has borne with Christian restraint for many years. It is inconceivable that any people could much longer endure the kind of savage repression that was exposed in Selma, Ala., the other day.

It is essential that all white Americans grasp the lesson of last Sunday's violence at Selma when Governor George Wallace's troopers and Sheriff Jim Clark's thugs attacked a non-violent army of Negro civil rights petitioners with horses, clubs and tear gas. This was no isolated instance of savagery that can be laid to one or two men who are cruel or misguided. Here was laid bare the ugly tyranny that underlies the whole "Southern Way of Life" today. The brutality that manifested itself before the eyes of the world in Selma Sunday is part of the everyday life of many southern Negroes. Those who are not directly subjected to like violence, and worse, are daily held in subjugation by the threat of it.

It is the genius of Martin Luther King and his non-violent army that they forced southern tyranny into the open for all to see by their courageous unarmed advance down a public highway into the clubs of George Wallace's men.

The big question is whether white America will awake in time to prevent the terrible showdown that is surely coming unless there is a prompt end to tyranny in the South and a more rapid movement toward racial equality throughout the country. Dr. King, a practicing Christian and convinced Gandhian,

has exhorted his people to remain non-violent in the face of the most extreme brutality, even death. American Negroes, particularly southern Negroes, have followed this extraordinary leader's injunction to turn the other cheek with a faithfulness and fervor perhaps unparalleled in Christian history. But can this Christian forbearance much longer prevail?

Reports from Selma indicate there is growing restlessness among Martin Luther King's own people. Some are said to have turned to fight back at the height of Sunday's rout. Muttered threats have been heard, and a King aide has spoken of "the natural desire of these people to retaliate."

Here in the north, normally temperate Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People talks openly of "resistance with weapons" unless the southern racists are effectively checked by the federal government.

In some Deep South towns, Negroes are said to be arming and organizing into mutual protection associations.

How many incidents like that in Selma Sunday can we get away with before just one angry Negro shoots back and all hell breaks loose all over the South and in the Northern ghettos?



Soloist

—Feb. Philadelphia Inquirer



REC-13 44-28492-32

March 22, 1965

Mrs. Alice P. Guillemette  
Box 281, South Main Street  
Assonet, Massachusetts 02702

*Kirk's name*

Dear Mrs. Guillemette:

Your letter of March 13th, with enclosure, has been received and, while I would like to be of service to you, it has been my long-standing policy not to comment publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I cannot furnish you the data you have requested.

With respect to the testimony of Special Agent James M. Barko, please be advised that FBI Agents are instructed to testify forthrightly, objectively and accurately, restricting their testimony to facts.

In connection with the incident you mentioned, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, along with other material I trust will be of assistance to you in learning of the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights matters. In this regard, you may be assured the FBI will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of dispatch, thoroughness and objectivity.

Enclosures (3)

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Boston - Enclosure

(See Enclosures and Note next page.)

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**Mrs. Alice P. Guillemette**

**Senator Thomas J. Dodd's remarks before Senate on 2-25-65**  
**Our Heritage of Greatness**  
**12-21-64 U. S. News and World Report**

**NOTE: SA James M. Barko entered on duty 9-14-64 and was ordered to Minneapolis on 3-15-65. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.**

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March 20, 1965

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Attached is a daily summary of investigation regarding the dispersal of the attempted march from Selma to Montgomery conducted on 3/19/65. The Civil Rights Division of the Department is being advised.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

Unknown Subjects

MARCH ON SELMA, ALA 3/7/65

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES;  
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INTERVIEWS WITH POTENTIAL WITNESSES, POSSIBLE

VICTIMS OF CAPTIONED DISPERSAL MARCH SEVEN SIXTYFIVE. 11 MAR 22 1965

REMOTEL SUMMARY MARCH EIGHTEEN LAST.

MARGUERITE CLAY BROOKS, FEMALE, AGE TWENTY FIVE,  
INTERVIEWED SELMA BY TODAY AND ADVISED SHE WAS IN LINE OF MARCH.  
AFTER TEAR GAS WAS THROWN AT MARCHERS, SHE WAS QUOTE BEAT END QUOTE  
ON HEAD BY UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPER. SHE WAS  
TREATED IN HOSPITAL FOR A FRACTURED JAW AND AS A RESULT OF

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advised 3/20/65

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HER INJURY SHE HAS LOST FIVE UPPER FRONT TEETH.

TWO OBSERVERS OF THE MARCH MARY JANE ACOFF AND MATTIE DOUGLAS SAW BROOKS' AFTER SHE WAS STRUCK AND AFTER SHE WANDERED INTO THE STREET BLEEDING. PHOTOGRAPHS OF BROOKS' INJURIES OBTAINED.

MARY LEE WINFIELD, NEGRO FEMALE, AGE TWO ONE, WAS ALSO A MARCHER POSTED NEAR THE REAR OF THE LINE. SHE WAS NOT INJURED BUT WITNESSED SEVERAL NEGROES SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY BEING <sup>"</sup>QUOTE BEATEN <sup>"</sup>QUOTE BY OFFICERS WHOM SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY

SAM JOHNSON, JR., CORINE TOWNS, LEILA MAE TOWNS AND ERNESTINE TOWNS ALL STATED THAT WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE, WERE UNABLE TO DESCRIBE AND HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS OR DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL WHO MIGHT HAVE STRUCK OR CHASED ANY OF THE MARCHERS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY FRANK DUNBAUGH BEING ADVISED.

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FBI WASH DC



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: March 16, 1965  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
*BP* UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS,  
DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL  
OF APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS,  
SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH 7, 1965;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS,  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
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"The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on 3/14/65 reported that an "FBI Agent testified on Friday that he thought state troopers acted in the public interest by breaking up the march with tear gas." The Director inquired, "Who was this Agent?"

The Agent referred to in the article is SA James M. Barko who was assigned to observe and photograph the attempted protest march of demonstrators from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, on 3/7/65. A particularly violent situation developed when Alabama Highway Patrolmen employed tear gas in dispersing the marchers. A hearing, which began on 3/11/65, is currently in progress in U. S. District Court, Montgomery, Alabama, and on Friday, 3/12/65, SA Barko was called upon to testify regarding his observations of the incident.

A full explanation of his testimony has been obtained from SA Barko. The matter has been thoroughly reviewed at the Bureau and appropriate administrative action taken. Memo covering situation submitted Saturday, 3/13/65.

ACTION:

For information.

ENCLOSURE

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# Alabama Trooper Shot Negro, Lingo Tells Court

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Col. Albert J. Lingo, commander of Alabama's state troopers, disclosed in court yesterday that one of his officers shot a Negro laborer during a night march Feb. 18 at Marion, Ala. The Negro, Jimmie Lee Jackson, died eight days later.

Lingo's disclosure came while he was under questioning by a civil rights lawyer during a federal court hearing to determine if a Selma-to-Montgomery march may be staged. A ruling is expected early this week.

Lingo said he knew of no instance where Sheriff James G. Clark's posse of special deputies used brutality on Negroes. He also said he did not see any trooper club Negro marchers.

Lingo also testified he did not want tear gas used to break up an attempted march from Selma last Sunday but that even so he permitted use of the gas.

## Inquiry Ordered

Attorney Fred Gray, a civil rights lawyer, asked:

"Do you know of any instance

where a state trooper shot a Negro at Marion?"

"Yes. And I amed an investigation immediately," Lingo said.

But he did not identify the trooper. Nor was he asked to do so. Jackson was shot in the abdomen during the demonstration and died of a massive infection at a Selma hospital eight days later.

Jackson said before he died that he was shot by a trooper.

Lingo also disclosed that nausea gas and smoke bombs were used with the tear gas last Sunday.

Lingo told the court earlier that he left the decision on using tear gas to the senior uniformed officers of his trooper force when about 650 Negroes marched Sunday.

## Marchers Dispersed

Troopers broke up the march by clubbing and tear-gassing the Negroes.

Lingo agreed with District Judge Frank M. Johnson Sr., who asked: "This march on

Tuesday was more or less a play of what had been agreed on?"

Johnson's question was prompted by a statement from Lingo earlier that he had agreed to permit the Tuesday march, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to proceed to the point where Sunday's march was halted.

Lingo said the pact was worked out with LeRoy Collins, director of the Federal Community Relations Service. He said that Gov. George C. Wallace had a part in deciding where Sunday's march would be stopped.

## Highway Confrontation

The judge had asked why no attempt was made to stop the march before it left the city. Lingo said the governor wanted the confrontation to take place on the highway because of the danger of interference from white persons in Selma.

The state, defendant in the federal suit filed by civil rights attorneys and joined by the

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Justice Department, has tried to show that the use of tear gas and billy clubs by troopers and sheriff's deputies was necessary.

The extraordinary Saturday session was ordered to speed the hearing in an effort to resolve the tense situation still prevailing on the streets of Selma, 50 miles west of here.

An FBI agent in Selma, Robert L. Frye, earlier yesterday testified that the demonstrations were a problem for law enforcement in Selma.

#### Police Tied Up

He said the marchers kept police tied up and away from other duties and that they have created a dangerous situation.

Another FBI agent testified Friday that he thought state troopers acted in the public

interest by breaking up the march with tear gas.

A state highway engineer testified in defense in the state contention that a highway march from Selma to Montgomery would be too dangerous for a large group.

Arthur P. Villadsen said there were several bridges on which marchers would have to walk in traffic lanes. He said a traffic count showed that 10,000 cars use the stretch of highway daily.

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*Who was this  
agent?*



March 23, 1965

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

This concerns the attempted march from Selma to Montgomery on 3/7/65 when members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers forcefully dispersed the marchers. Civil Rights Division is being advised of information in attached with the exception of the confidential information furnished by United States District Judge Daniel H. Thomas. \*

In accordance with instructions previously issued to Selma, they are being instructed by appropriate communication not to chase these demonstrators around to interview them and not to interview them at camp sites.

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\* LETTERS TO  
WHITE HOUSE AND  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BEING PREPARED ON  
COMMENTS OF JUDGE  
THOMAS.

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Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

FBI SELMA ALA

12:24AMCST URGENT 3-22-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

Wain CRD  
10:10 AM 3-23-65  
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T. J. [signature]  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND POSSE  
MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVOLVED IN TEAR  
GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA,  
ALABAMA, MARCH SEVEN LAST; HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS;  
ET AL - VICTIMS, CR - EL. CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

MOBILE TELETYPE

REMOBELS AND SUMMARY, MARCH TWENTYONE LAST.

TELETYPE SUMMARY

AMELIA PLATTS BOYNTON, NEGRO FEMALE, WHO IS POWER BEHIND DALLAS  
COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE, SELMA, WAS VICTIM IN CAPTIONED CASE WHEN ALABAMA  
STATE TROOPERS CHARGED LINE OF MARCHERS AND PUSHED THEM BACK. SHE  
STATES SHE WAS IN LEAD GROUP OF MARCHERS AND IDENTIFIED HERSELF FROM A  
PHOTOGRAPH. SHE ADVISED WHEN ASKED CHARGED LEAD GROUP SHE WAS KICKED  
UNCONSCIOUS BY A BLOW SHE BELIEVES WAS FROM A STATE TROOPERS CLUB AND  
REMEMBERS NOTHING MORE. WITNESSES TO HER ASSAULT ARE BELIEVED BY HER  
TO BE MARIE FOSTER AND MARGARET MOORE.

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TO BE MARIE FOSTER AND MARGARET MOORE.

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BLOSSIE WHITE, ROUTE ONE, BOX ONE FIVE TWO, JONES, ALABAMA, WAS DETERMINED TO NOT BE INVOLVED IN MARCH OF MARCH SEVEN LAST AND ONLY REASON SHE APPEARS ON EMERGENCY LIST AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL WAS FACT THAT SHE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT HOSPITAL ON THAT DATE OF MARCH SEVEN LAST.

SYLVESTER LUNDY STATES HE BELIEVED SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR., WAS HIS ASSAILANT; HOWEVER, HE WAS UNABLE TO OBSERVE ANY PHOTOGRAPH WHICH SUBSTANTIATED THIS CONTENTION. VARIOUS PHOTOGRAPHS SET FORTH IN SERIES TEND TO INDICATE CLARK WAS NOT IN POSITION TO STRIKE LUNDY. LUNDY ADMITS HE WAS ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER AND SERVED OVER YEAR IN CUSTODY AT COUNTY JAIL. ADVISED HE WAS ALSO TRUSTEE IN OFFICE OF SHERIFF CLARK, THEREFORE KNOWS CLARK ON SIGHT.

THELMA LEE SHOWERS, AGE FIFTEEN, AND LELA MAE SOLOMON, AGE TWELVE ADVISED THEY WERE IN REAR OF LINE WHERE TEAR GAS WAS THROWN AND CANNOT IDENTIFY ANY OFFICER WHO ASSAULTED ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL AND ONLY OBSERVED INITIAL MOTION OF *AST. ALABAMA STATE TROOPER*.

EFFORTS MADE TO INTERVIEW FOLLOWING PERSONS; HOWEVER, INFORMATION DEVELOPED THESE INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN MARCH TO MONTGOMERY AND NOT AT HOME DURING DAY: JOHN HENRY SUTTLES, HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, MAMIE KING, AMOS SNELL, THEOPOLIS BAILEY, LAWRENCE CARTER, AND MARGARET CLAY BROOKS. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW THESE

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INDIVIDUALS AT CAMPSITE TONIGHT.

INFORMATION REGARDING RACIAL SITUATION AT SELMA VOLUNTEERED BY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE DANIEL H. THOMAS, WHO WAS HOLDING COURT AT SELMA, ALABAMA, THIS DATE, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAS BEEN QUITE CONCERNED WITH WHOLE SITUATION THAT HAD DEVELOPED AT SELMA, ALA. HE STATES HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL KATZENBACH AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER. HE HAS ISSUED NO ORDER FROM HIS COURT UNLESS ~~HE~~ HE DISCUSSED SAME WITH EITHER DOAR OR KATZENBACH.. HE STATES HE HAS REQUESTED BOTH DOAR AND KATZENBACH TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO GET DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS OUT OF SELMA AREA AS HE FEELS THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN FOCUSING ATTENTION OF NATION ON RACIAL PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. THOMAS FEELS IT IS TIME MARTIN LUTHER KING AND ALL OF HIS <sup>CO WORKERS</sup> ~~COWORKERS~~ MOVE OUT OF AREA SO THAT PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THOMAS ADVISED HE FELT POSSIBLY HE SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MORE DRASTIC AND FIRM ACTION IN THE PAST WITH <sup>LOCAL</sup> ~~LOCAL~~ REGISTRATION BOARDS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, AND THUS MIGHT HAVE ELIMINATED NEED FOR ALL DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROBLEMS IN SELMA AREA. THOMAS ADVISES HE HAS

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DEVELOPED A COMMUNICATIVE ASSOCIATION WITH DOAR AT PRESENT TIME AND HE FEELS HE IS ABLE TO SOLVE MANY PROBLEMS THROUGH CONFERENCES WITH DOAR RATHER THAN BY LENGTHY LITIGATION. THOMAS BELIEVES THAT IF DOAR WOULD TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION IN AREA OF DEVELOPING UNDERSTANDING AMONG CITIZENS OF SELMA, BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO, RATHER THAN CONTINUE TO PRESS SUITS AND CRIMINAL PROCESS IN CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS, THE PROBLEMS NOW CONFRONTING AREA COULD BE SOLVED BY CONFERENCES RATHER THAN BY BEING "BANTERED" ABOUT IN COURTROOM. THOMAS STATED HIS COURT IS ENGULFED IN LITIGATION AT PRESENT TIME WITH NO "CLEAR CUT" SOLUTION AVAILABLE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE, ONLY LENGTHY COURT HEARINGS.

THOMAS CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION TO SELMA SITUATION.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY FRANK DUNBAUGH ON SCENE AT SELMA BEING APPRISED OF PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION IN CAPTIONED CASE; HOWEVER, NO DISSEMINATION OF JUDGE'S COMMENTS BEING MADE AS THESE WERE FURNISHED IN CONFIDENCE.

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1 - Mr. Hines

To: SAC, Mobile (Selma) (44-1234)

From: Director, FBI

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS,  
DEPUTIES, AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INVOLVED IN TEAR  
GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 625  
MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, 3/7/65;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL - VICTIMS  
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Enclosed are prints and negatives you requested  
in reairtel.

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Attached is a summary of our investigation of the alleged brutality which occurred in connection with the attempted march of Negro demonstrators from Selma to Montgomery on March 7, 1965.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department is being advised.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. R. [unclear]".

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Handwritten initials or a signature, possibly "HGR", in dark ink.

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4:15AMCST URGENT 3-21-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

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MOBILE TELETYPE

REMOBEL SUMMARY MARCH NINETEEN LAST, 1965

INTERVIEWS OF VICTIMS AND WITNESSES TO ASSAULT.

EDDIE MOORE, SUMMERFIELD, ALABAMA, WHO WAS IN MARCH SEVEN LAST WAS IDENTIFIED BY HOSEA MOORE AND ADDIE MOORE AS BEING A VICTIM WHO WAS STRUCK BY A DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBER MOUNTED ON HORSEBACK MARCH SEVEN LAST. POSSE MEMBER IDENTIFIED AS PERSON NAMED ED RUCH. LIST OF MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS INCLUDES THE NAME OF W.M. CRUSH WHO WAS ON DUTY AND INVOLVED IN THE DISPERSAL OF NEGROES MARCH SEVEN LAST. FOUR OTHER WITNESSES DEVELOPED WHO POSSIBLY OBSERVED ASSAULT: MATTIE RUTH ALEXANDER; REMA FAIL; OTTO BENFORD; AND HATTIE MAE HATCHER. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ABOVE.

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ALBERTA PREVO FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENT REGARDING HER PARTICI-  
PATION IN THE MARCH AND ADVISED THAT SHE WAS STRUCK BY AN UNIDENTIFIED  
~~ALABAMA STATE TROOPER~~  
AST AND OBSERVED TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MARCH STRUCK BY AST ON  
SCENE.

WILLIE ALBERT MACK, WILLIE JAMES SPIVEY, MILDRED SPIVEY,  
BROZI GORDON, EDDIE SAVAGE. CURTIS GARNER, AND LORA NELL SAVAGE ALL  
ADVISED THEY WERE WITNESSES TO THE MARCH, WERE CHASED BY THE POSSE  
MOUNTED ON HORSEBACK AND ONE POSSE MEMBER IDENTIFIED BY THEM AS  
E.P. WALLACE RIDING A HORSE NAMED QUOTE "PINE PATCH PETE" UNQUOTE.

MARY LEE WINDFIELD WHO WAS INVOLVED IN MARCH AND ADVISED THAT SHE  
OBSERVED NEGROES BEING BEATEN AS FAR AWAY FROM THE DISPERSAL AREA AS  
THREE QUARTERS OF MILE. SHE STATED THIS OCCURRED AT BROWNS CHAPEL  
AME CHURCH.

JOSEPH BENJAMIN PICKETT, BEULAH LEE JAMES, ADVISED HE WAS ONE  
OF THE MARCHERS AND OBSERVED ~~AST~~ <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS</sup> THROWING TEAR GAS BUT WAS UNABLE  
TO FURNISH ANY OTHER INFORMATION BECAUSE OF BEING BLINDED BY THE GAS.

CAROLYN ANDERSON OBSERVED MARCHER BEING STRUCK ON UPPER LEFT LIP  
BY AST WEARING GLASSES. TROOPER UTILIZED NIGHT STICK TO ASSAULT  
THE MARCHER AND SHE WAS UNABLE TO FURTHER DESCRIBE THE TROOPER.  
ANDERSON ALSO OBSERVED UNKNOWN NEGRO MALE BEING STRUCK ON RIGHT SIDE  
OF HEAD WITH BILLY STICK BY ANOTHER AST, HOWEVER,  
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SHE CAN FURNISH NO IDENTIFYING DATA REGARDING THE TROOPER.

BARBARA HARRIS RECEIVED TREATMENT AT LOCAL HOSPITAL, SELMA, FOR SKINNED KNEES AND TEAR GAS IRRITATION OF THE EYES AND LUNGS. SHE STATES SHE OBSERVED UNKNOWN NEGRO MALE WEARING BLUEJEANS NEAR FRONT OF LINE WHO WAS CHASED BY STATE TROOPER AND STRUCK ACROSS RIGHT SIDE OF BODY WITH BILLY STICK. HARRIS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY TROOPER FURTHER.

MARCELLAR BROWN ADVISED HE WAS STRUCK ON HEAD BY <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> ~~AST~~ AND HIS WOUND REQUIRED EIGHT STITCHES TO CLOSE. HE CANNOT IDENTIFY TROOPER AS THE ASSAULT OCCURRED DURING PERIOD OF MAXIMUM TEAR GAS EFFECT. HE STATES HE OBSERVED CITY POLICEMAN SPIN NEGRO MARCHER TO GROUND AND STRIKE THIS MARCHER THREE TIMES IN HEAD WITH BILLY STICK. ADVISES HE CANNOT IDENTIFY THE CITY POLICEMAN AS HE WAS STILL DIZZY FROM ASSAULT.

JOHN AGNEW STATES HE WAS NEAR FRONT OF LINE OF MARCH AND OBSERVED <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> ~~AST~~ BEAT A NEGRO MALE, ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, WITH HIS BILLY STICK. STATES HE WOULD RECOGNIZE THE VICTIM BUT NOT THE ASSAILANT. HE ALSO OBSERVED AN UNKNOWN POSSE MEMBER STRIKE AT HIM WITH A <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> ~~QUOTE~~ BULL WHIP <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> ~~UNQUOTE~~ BUT POSSE MEMBER MISSED HIM. AGNEW STATES <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> ~~AST~~ WHO GAVE ORDER FOR TEAR GAS TO BE USED WAS SAME <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> ~~AST~~ WHO MARCHED ALONG WITH GROUP FROM CHURCH TO AREA OF DISPERSAL ACROSS EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE.

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AGNEW STATES THAT STATE TROOPERS PUT MASKS ON DURING TIME MARCHERS  
WERE GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO DISPERSE AND THEN TROOPERS CHARGED LEAD  
GROUP OF MARCH AND PUSHED THEM BACK THIRTY TO FORTY YARDS.  
AGNEW ADVISED HE WAS POKED IN BACK AND STRUCK ON SHOULDER, HOWEVER,  
IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ASSAILANT OR OBJECT USED BECAUSE HE WAS  
ENGULFED IN GAS.

DEPARTMENTAN ATTORNEY FRANK DUNBAUGH BEING ADVISED OF PROGRESS  
OF INVESTIGATION.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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TO SAC MOBILE (SELMA)

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH SEVEN LAST, HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS DASH ELECTION LAWS.

REURTEL MARCH TWENTY-TWO LAST.

RETEL STATES THAT YOU ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO INTERVIEW CERTAIN VICTIMS AT CAMPSITE OF MARCH. AS YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY ADVISED, BY THE BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE THAT YOU WASTE INVESTIGATIVE TIME CHASING THE VICTIMS OF THESE MATTERS AROUND TO INTERVIEW

THEM. IF CONTACT IS MADE AND THE AGENT IS ADVISED THAT THEY ARE BUSY DEMONSTRATING OR MARCHING AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR

INTERVIEW, THE AGENT SHOULD INFORM THE PERSON CONTACTED THAT THE FBI IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AND THE PURPOSE OF THE

INVESTIGATION, THAT WE WANT TO INTERVIEW THESE VICTIMS PROMPTLY

AND THAT THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE BUREAU RESIDENT AGENCY OR

HEADQUARTERS FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO COOPERATE

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TEL TO MOBILE (SELMA)

RE: UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, ETC.

BY MAKING THEMSELVES AVAILABLE PROMPTLY, THAT FACT WILL BE  
RECORDED IN THE REPORT AND THE INTERVIEW WILL NOT BE  
CONDUCTED. DO NOT INTERVIEW VICTIMS <sup>THIS CASE</sup>/AT CAMPSITES.

NOTE: We are conducting extensive investigation concerning  
the dispersal of marchers from Selma to Montgomery  
on 3/7/65 by use of tear gas and clubs. Selma advised that  
a number of victims whom they had attempted to interview were  
currently participating in the march from Selma to Montgomery,  
now in progress, and that they are making arrangements to  
interview them at their campsite.

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TO MOBILE (SELMA)

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES AND  
POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVOLVED  
IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE  
MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH SEVEN LAST, HOSEA WILLIAMS,  
JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CIVIL RIGHTS DASH  
ELECTION LAWS.

REURTEL MARCH TWENTY-TWO LAST.

RETEL STATES THAT YOU ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO INTERVIEW  
CERTAIN VICTIMS AT CAMPSITE OF MARCH. AS YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY  
ADVISED, THE BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE THAT YOU WASTE INVESTIGATIVE  
TIME CHASING THE VICTIMS OF THESE MATTERS AROUND TO INTERVIEW  
THEM. IF CONTACT IS MADE AND THE AGENT IS ADVISED THAT THEY  
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THE FBI IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AND THE PURPOSE OF THE  
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AND THAT THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE BUREAU RESIDENT AGENCY OR  
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RECORDED IN THE REPORT AND THE INTERVIEW WILL NOT BE  
CONDUCTED. DO NOT INTERVIEW VICTIMS THIS CASE AT CAMPSITES.

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3/24/65

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

This concerns the attempted march from Selma to Montgomery on 3/7/65 when members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Alabama State Troopers forcefully dispersed the marchers. Civil Rights Division is being advised of information in attached.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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MAR 23 1965

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND  
POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. SO INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING  
AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA,  
ALA., MARCH SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE; HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN  
ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VICTIMS CR, EL.

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REMO SUMMARY TEL MARCH TWENTY TWO LAST.

SUMMARY TELETYPE

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED TODAY TO DETERMINE  
IF THEY WERE VICTIMS OR WITNESSES IN CAPTIONED DISPERSAL:

LAWRENCE CARTER, JR., BELOIT, ALA., <sup>ALABAMA NEGRO MALE</sup> NM, AGE SIXTEEN,

VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT SCENE OF DISPERSAL AND RECOGNIZED

MARIE FOSTER AS PERSON WHO WAS LYING IN STREET WHOM HE

TRIED TO AID. CARTER ALSO IDENTIFIED HORSEMAN IN THE

PHOTOGRAPH AS BEING IDENTICAL TO ONE WHO HIT HIM ACROSS

BACK WITH A NIGHTSTICK. HE OBSERVED A HORSEMAN STRIKE A

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WOMAN ON THE BACK, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RECOGNIZE THIS VICTIM.

MARGARET CLAY BROOKS, JONES, ALA., WHO WAS VICTIM IN CAPTIONED DISPERSAL, OBSERVED NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE COMPILED IN SETS AND COULD MAKE NO IDENTIFICATION OF EITHER SUBJECTS OR VICTIMS.

JACQUELINE CARTER, SELMA, ALA., WHO WAS INVOLVED IN MARCH OF MARCH SEVEN LAST, OBSERVED ALABAMA STATE TROOPER, WHOM SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY OR DESCRIBE, STRIKE LINDA BLACKMAN WITH A BILLY CLUB ON THE HEAD. STATED TROOPER TOOK BLACKMAN BY THE HAND AND TRIED TO PULL HER OUT OF THE CROWD THAT WAS HUDDLED TOGETHER. BLACKMAN BIT THE TROOPER AND HE THEREAFTER STRUCK HER.

CARTER STATED SHE OBSERVED A PERSON SHE BELIEVED WAS SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARKE, DALLAS COUNTY, <sup>ALABAMA</sup> ~~ALA.~~, ON HORSE BACK STRIKE A NEGRO MAN WITH A BILLY CLUB. HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED THAT CLARKE WAS ON HORSEBACK AND IT WAS OBSERVED BY <sup>BUREAU</sup> ~~FBI~~ AGENTS ON MARCH SEVEN LAST DURING DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS THAT CLARKE AT NO TIME WAS ON HORSEBACK.

THEOPOLIS BAILEY, JR., NEGRO MALE AGE SIXTEEN, VOLUNTEER STUDENT NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ~~STCC~~ WORKER, ADVISED HE WAS ONE OF THE MARCHERS THAT WAS  
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DISPERSED ON MARCH SEVEN LAST, HOWEVER HE WAS NOT INJURED  
AND HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANYONE BEING STRUCK.

MRS. ANNIE RUSSELL, A VICTIM, RECEIVED POSSIBLE INTERNAL  
INJURIES AS RESULT OF UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS FALLING UPON HER  
AT TIME NEGRO MARCHERS WERE DISPERSED ON MARCH SEVEN LAST.  
AND SHE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY ASSAILANTS.

MISS JEANNETTE HOWARD, VICTIM, RECEIVED A BLOW ON HEAD  
FROM AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WIELDING AN UNKNOWN OBJECT AFTER  
SHE FELL IN THE MIDST OF TEAR GASSING AND WAS UNABLE TO  
IDENTIFY ANY INDIVIDUAL AS A POSSIBLE ASSAILANT.

MRS. EVELYN MAULDING, VICTIM, RECEIVED BLOW FROM AN  
UNIDENTIFIED WHITE HELMETED INDIVIDUAL NEAR CORNER OF GREEN  
AND SELMA <sup>STREETS</sup> ~~ST.~~, SELMA, AND WAS LATER TREATED FOR A BROKEN  
ARM. MRS. MINNIE BELL SQUIRE STATES SHE OBSERVED MRS.  
MAULDING AFTER SHE HAD FALLEN TO THE GROUND AND DID NOT  
OBSERVE MAULDING'S ASSAILANT. SHE STATES SHE WAS TWO HUNDRED  
DASH THREE HUNDRED FEET AWAY FROM MRS. MAULDING AND COULD  
NOT IDENTIFY ANY OF THE WHITE HELMETED INDIVIDUALS SHE SAW  
STANDING AROUND MRS. MAULDING.

FURTHER EFFORTS MADE TODAY TO LOCATE NEGRO LEADERS OF  
END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

THE MARCH ON MARCH SEVEN LAST AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN ABORTIVE MARCH, HOWEVER, INFORMATION DEVELOPED THEY ARE STILL INVOLVED IN MARCH TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., WHICH IS OCCURRING AT PRESENT TIME. EFFORTS STILL CONTINUING TO LOCATE THESE PERSONS FOR INTERVIEW.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY FRANK DUNBAUGH ON SCENE AT SELMA BEING ADVISED OF PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION.

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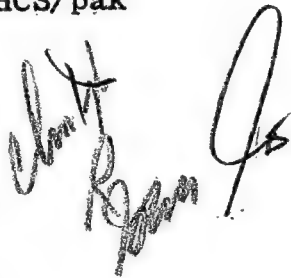
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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

This concerns the ~~empted~~ march from Montgomery to Selma on 3/7/65 when members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and Alabama state troopers forcefully dispersed the marchers. Civil Rights Division is being advised of information in attached.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 21 1965

TELETYPE

FBI SELMA ALA

8:15 PM CST URGENT 3/21/65 CMS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

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| Mr. Tolson   |  |
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| Miss Gandy   |  |

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH SEVEN, LAST; HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VCTIMS. Civil Rights - Election Laws CR - EL.

TELETYPE SUMMARY.

FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS LOCATED AND CONTACTED TODAY AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING.

LEONA WINDFIELD ADVISED HER DAUGHTER PARTICIPATED IN MARCH AND SHE WAS IN POSITION AS AN OBSERVER NEAR HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST OBSERVING THE DISPERSAL OF THE MARCHERS. SHE WAS CHASED BY MOUNTED POSSE AND AFTER OBSERVING AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF POSSE MEMBERS CHASING NEGROES IN AREA OF DISPERSAL, SHE IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO FELL INTO A DITCH NEAR WHERE ONE POSSE MEMBER WAS RIDING HIS HORSE.

JESSE JAMES PEOPLES ADVISED THAT HE WAS LOCATED DOWNTOWN AREA OF SELMA WEST OF BRIDGE WHEN DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBERS MOUNTED ON HORSES CHASED DEMONSTRATORS BACK OVER BRIDGE.

END PAGE ONE



PAGE TWO

HE OBSERVED A PHOTOGRAPH AMONG SEVERAL SETS SHOWN TO HIM AND SELECTED A PHOTOGRAPH WHICH SHOWS AN ALABAMA STATE TROOPER CHASING A YOUNG NEGRO BOY. PEOPLES STATED THIS TROOPER CAUGHT THE BOY AND ~~QUOTE~~ BEAT ~~UNQUOTE~~ HIM. HE STATES HE ALSO OBSERVED FIVE CITY POLICEMEN BEATING A NEGRO MALE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF SELMA. HE COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF ABOVE POSSIBLE VICTIMS OR OF ASSAILANTS OF THESE VICTMS.

JAMES ACOFF, JR., JAMES DOUGLAS, SR., AND JOHN WILSON ADVISED THEY WERE OBSERVERS OF DEMONSTRATORS AS THEY MARCHED OVER BRIDGE MARCH SEVEN, LAST, AND WERE CHASED BY MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS TO AREA OF BRADFORD CIRCLE. HOWEVER, THEY COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION AS TO IDENTITY OF POSSE MEMBERS OR IDENTITY OF ANY OF MARCHERS.

WILLIE HARRIS, NEGRO MALE, ADVISED HE WAS IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF SELMA WHEN MOUNTED POSSE MEMBER E.P. WALLACE STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "YOU BETTER RUN NIGGER, ~~UNQUOTE~~," AND HARRIS REPLIED ~~QUOTE~~ "I'LL GO, BUT I DON'T RUN FOR ANYBODY." WALLACE RODE AWAY. HARRIS OBSERVED POSSE MEMBERS NEAR WASHINGTON AND WATER STREET ~~QUOTE~~ BEAT ~~UNQUOTE~~ A NEGRO FEMALE.

DAN WILLIAMS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF IN AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH AS PERSON BEING CHASED BY POSSE MEMBERS INTO AREA OF BRADFORD CIRCLE, BUT COULD FURNISH NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

END PAGE TWO.

PAGE THREE

GENEVA THORNTON, BROWN, ALABAMA, ADVISED SHE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR TEAR GAS IRRITATION, BUT SHE WAS NOT ASSAULTED AND DID NOT OBSERVE ANYONE ELSE BEING ASSAULTED.

SOME FIFTEEN TO TWENTY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE POSSIBLE VICTIMS OR WITNESSES IN CAPTIONED CASE WERE UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW TODAY AS THEY ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN ANOTHER MARCH TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. NEGROES MARCHED TODAY FROM SELMA TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN MILES OUT OF SELMA ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST WHERE A CAMP SITE HAS BEEN ERECTED AND A RALLY WILL ALLEGEDLY BE HELD TONIGHT.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY FRANK DUNBAUGH ON SCENE AT SELMA BEING APPRISED OF PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION.

END.

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*March - Selma Alabama 3-7-65*  
*Unidentified Alabama State*

*troopers, Deputies, & Posse Members*  
*Dallas County, Ala. Sheriff's Office*  
*involved in the - Gassing & Dispersal of*

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, *approx. 625-*  
Director of F.B.I., *March 7, 1965*  
Washington, 25, D.C. *Ala. 3-7-65*

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| Mr. Tolson   | ✓ |
| Mr. Belmont  | ✓ |
| Mr. Mohr     | ✓ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | ✓ |
| Mr. Casper   | ✓ |
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| Mr. Rosen    | ✓ |
| Mr. Sullivan | ✓ |
| Mr. Tavel    | ✓ |
| Mr. Trotter  | ✓ |
| Tele. Room   | ✓ |
| Miss Holmes  | ✓ |
| Miss Gandy   | ✓ |

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

I note with amazement that the chief government witness at the hearings at Montgomery Alabama, James M. Barka, has been an F.B.I. agent for only six months. The fact that you would send an untrained man, who is apparently biased, on such an assignment is appalling.

It is believed that an explanation is in order. I believe the honest, moral and law abiding people of the country were done a disservice by this man. It is hard to decide whether Barka's activities were deliberate or not, but to say the least you must agree were strange. The story of, beastiality by the so called law enforcement agents of Alabama is common knowledge in the newspapers and on television. What are the future plans for the career of a man of this type in the F.B.I.?

Yours very truly,

*Jane G. Baldwin*  
(Jane G. Baldwin)

MRS. THEODORE A. BALDWIN  
2804 Spangler Lane  
Bowie, Maryland

March 13, 1965

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EX-112

March 17, 1965

Mrs. Theodore A. Baldwin  
2804 Spangler Lane  
Bowie, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Baldwin:

Your letter of March 13th has been received and, while I certainly would like to be of service to you, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment publicly on the internal operations of this Bureau. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance; however, you may be assured the FBI will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of dispatch, thoroughness and objectivity.

In connection with the incidents you mentioned, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, along with other material I trust will be of assistance to you in learning of the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights matters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)

- 1 - Baltimore - Enclosure
- 1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure
- 1 - Mobile - Enclosure

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**Mrs. Theodore A. Baldwin**

**Senator Dodd's remarks before Senate on 2-24-65**

**Our Heritage of Greatness**

**12-21-65 U. S. News and World Report**

**NOTE: Special Agent James A. Barko entered on duty 9-14-64 and was ordered to Minneapolis on 3-15-65. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 18, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE  
TROOPERS, DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF  
APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS, SELMA,  
ALABAMA, MARCH 7, 1965  
HOSEA WILLIAMS,  
JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
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1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

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## Contact With Colonel Al Lingo Re Interview of Alabama State Troopers:

Special Agent in Charge Earl Dalness and Selma Senior Resident Agent Spencer H. Robb contacted Colonel Al Lingo, Director, Alabama Department of Public Safety, on 3/16/65 regarding the interview of state troopers in connection with our investigation of the dispersal of demonstrators who on 3/7/65 attempted a march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. At the time of this contact on 3/16/65, Lingo agreed to interview of his troopers by FBI Agents and he furnished a list of all troopers involved in this matter.

Subsequently on 3/17/65 Lingo contacted Special Agent Robb and stated that on the advice of his attorney, John Kohn of Montgomery, he had reversed his position and would not make his troopers available for interview by FBI Agents. Upon receipt of this information, Special Agent in Charge Dalness and Special Agent Robb again conferred with Lingo and members of his staff and his attorney and discussed the matter and again upon advice of his attorney, Colonel Lingo refused interviews of his troopers by FBI Agents and said he would not let his troopers furnish any information under any circumstances. It is to be noted that it has been the established policy of Colonel Al Lingo and the Alabama Department of Public Safety to refuse to make state troopers available for interview in connection with civil rights matters.

Enclosure *sent 3-18-65*

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE  
TROOPERS, DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS,

Contact With Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr., Re Interview With  
Members of Sheriff's Office:

On 3/17/65 Inspector Joseph Sullivan and Selma Senior Resident Agent Robert L. Frye contacted Sheriff Clark to determine if he would make himself and members of his sheriff's posse who were involved in the dispersal of demonstrators on 3/7/65 available for interview. Clark stated that he would not even consider furnishing a statement relative to this matter and he refused to allow himself, his deputies or his posse members to be interviewed by FBI Agents. He stated this had always been his position in civil rights matters and saw no reason to change his position at this time.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to the Attorney General advising him of our contacts with Colonel Lingo and Sheriff Clark and of their refusal to allow their personnel to be interviewed concerning this matter. It is also suggested that he may wish to give thought to calling the troopers and members of the sheriff's department involved in the incident before an early grand jury and give consideration to letting the general public know of the lack of cooperation by the Alabama Department of Public Safety and Dallas County, Alabama, Sheriff's Office in this matter.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "Lingo", "RSM", "V", "JRM", "gm"]*

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Date: 3/15/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION:  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234) (P)

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS,  
DEPUTIES, AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INVOLVED IN TEAR  
GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 625  
MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, 3/7/65;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL. -  
VICTIMS  
CR; EL.

Re report of SA ROBERT L. FRYE dated 3/11/65 at  
Mobile captioned "REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR, EL," (Bufile 44-12831).

Enclosed are photographs taken on 3/6-9/65.

Photographs taken 3/7/65 pertain to captioned case.

Additional copies of photographs taken on 3/6/65  
and 3/9/65 will be submitted to Bureau at a later date for  
file purposes in Bufile 44-12831, Mobile file 44-557.

There are six rolls of 35 mm. film. Each roll  
is contact printed on an 8x10 sheet of paper. There are  
two copies of each 8x10 contact sheet. The name of the  
Agent who shot the film and the descriptive data of the  
picture appear on the reverse side of the contact sheet.

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Approved: [Signature]

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A copy of each of the enclosed contact sheet  
has been provided to Departmental Attorneys on the scene  
in Selma, Alabama.

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Photographs taken by SA THOMAS E. BURNS on 3/6/65  
and 3/7/65

TEB Roll #4

Negative #   Person(s) or Area Depicted

|       |                                                                                                   |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3     | Date shot - 3/6/65   Edmund Pettus Bridge                                                         |
| 4-5   | Beginning of white demonstration group approaching<br>Dallas County Courthouse                    |
| 6-13  | Spectators on scene   blocking Highway 90                                                         |
| 14-15 | General scene of demonstration in front of<br>Alabama Avenue entrance to Dallas County Courthouse |
| 16-18 | Spectators on scene                                                                               |
| 19-21 | Whites attempting to turnover a car in which a<br>SNCC worker took refuge                         |
| 22-23 | Date shot - 3/7/65                                                                                |
| 24-29 | Negro demonstrators marching through Selma<br>on approach to Edmund Pettus Bridge.                |



3-7-65  
SELMA, ALA.



Photographs taken by SA JOSEPH M. AVIGNONE on 3/7/65 - JMA #29

| <u>Negative #</u> | <u>Person(s) or Area Depicted</u>                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4                 | Date Shot - 3/7/65                                                                      |
| 8                 | General flow of traffic on Edmund Pettus Bridge prior to march                          |
| 9                 | Negro marchers leaving playground adjacent to Browns Chapel                             |
| 10-12             | Negro marchers en route through Selma                                                   |
| 13-15             | General arrangement of troopers and cars awaiting marchers                              |
| 16                | Confrontation of troopers and Negro marchers                                            |
| 17-19             | Troopers' initial attempt to disperse marchers                                          |
| 20                | Troopers regrouping                                                                     |
| 21                | Marchers sitting by side of road                                                        |
| 22-24             | Tear gas being used on Negroes                                                          |
| 25                | Negroes returning across Edmund Pettus Bridge                                           |
| 26                | General shot of crowd                                                                   |
| 27-29             | Dallas County possemen and deputies on horses chasing Negroes                           |
| 30                | Negroes gathered in field to the west of Highway 80                                     |
| 31                | Tear Gas still going off                                                                |
| 32-35             | Negro marchers returning to Selma with mounted possemen and deputies riding behind them |





Photographs taken by SA THOMAS E. BURNS on 3/7/65 REB Roll #15

| <u>Negative #</u> | <u>Person(s) or Area Depicted</u>                                                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3                 | Demonstrators on Edmund Pettus Bridge                                                                              |
| 4                 | Over-all shot of general scene taken toward Edmund Pettus Bridge                                                   |
| 5-8               | Arrangement of Troopers blocking Highway 80                                                                        |
| 9                 | Spectators on the scene                                                                                            |
| 10-12             | Demonstrators confronting Alabama State Troopers                                                                   |
| 13-19             | Action taken by Alabama State Troopers to disperse demonstrators                                                   |
| 20-23             | Alabama State Troopers regrouping prior to tear gassing demonstrators                                              |
| 24                | Position taken by demonstrators prior to tear gassing                                                              |
| 25-36             | Alabama State Troopers tear gassing demonstrators. Pictures also depict actions of troopers during the gas attack. |





Photographs taken by SA JOHN J. SWEENEY on 3/7/65

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|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0-2       | Mounted Dallas County Possemen riding behind demonstrators on Selma side of Edmund Pettus Bridge. Pictures 1 and 1A show posse men striking demonstrators. |
| 2A-8A     | General scene in the area of Brown's Chapel following the tear gassing of Negro demonstrators by Alabama State Troopers                                    |
| 9-9A      | Date shot - 3/9/65                                                                                                                                         |
| 10-13     | Build up in Brown's Chapel                                                                                                                                 |
| 13A-14A   | Press interviewing Negro demonstrators                                                                                                                     |
| 15-19     | Signs carried by demonstrators                                                                                                                             |
| 19-A/23-A | Build up of demonstrators in playground area adjacent to Brown's Chapel.                                                                                   |
| 24-33A    | Demonstrators leaving area of Brown's Chapel at the beginning of the march.                                                                                |



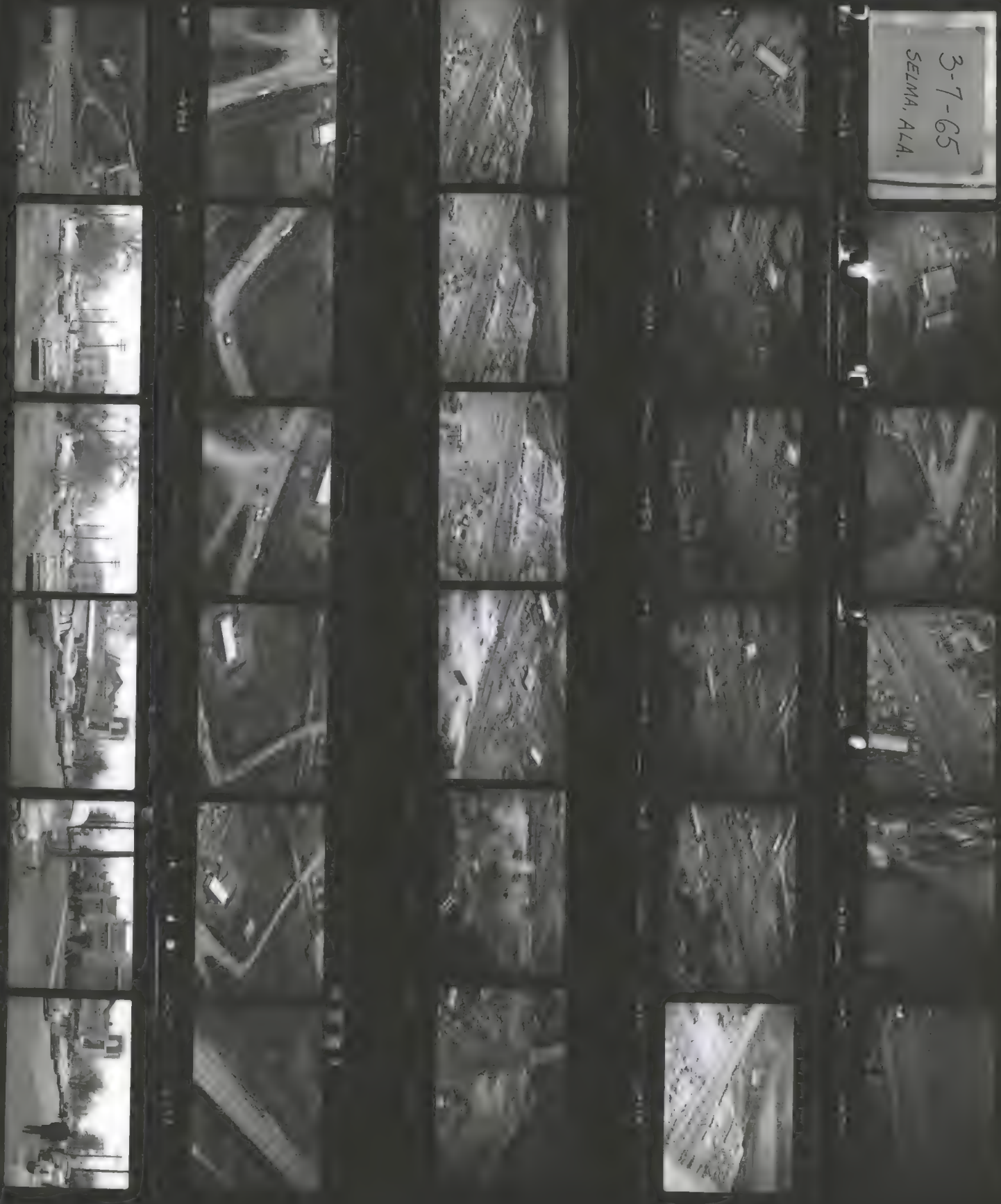


Photographs taken by SA JOHN J. SWERNEY on 3/7/65

| <u>Negative #</u> | <u>Person(s) or Area Depicted</u>                                     |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3A                | Date shot - 3/7/65                                                    |
| 4-10A             | Build up and marchers leaving the area of Brown's Chapel              |
| 11-15             | Marchers en route to Edmund Pettus Bridge                             |
| 15A               | Dallas County posse men standing on corner                            |
| 16-17             | Demonstrators crossing Edmund Pettus Bridge                           |
| 17A               | Agent in airplane photographing                                       |
| 18                | Demonstrators crossing Edmund Pettus Bridge                           |
| 18A               | Same as 17A                                                           |
| 19A-21            | Demonstrators coming off Edmund Pettus Bridge                         |
| 22-23             | Alabama State Troopers confrontation with demonstrators               |
| 24-28A            | Action taken by Alabama State Troopers to disperse demonstrators      |
| 29A-32            | Alabama State Troopers regrouping prior to tear gassing demonstrators |
| 32A-36A           | Alabama State Troopers tear gassing and dispersing demonstrators      |



3-7-65  
SELMA, ALA.



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Photographs taken by SA JOSEPH M. AVIGNONE on 3/7/65 - JMA #30

| <u>Negative #</u> | <u>Person(s) or Area Depicted</u>                                                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2                 | Date shot - 3/7/65                                                                              |
| 3-4               | Test Shots                                                                                      |
| 5                 | Road conditions on Highway 80 showing State Troopers cars on scene                              |
| 6-7               | Edmund Pettus Bridge and demonstrators crossing bridge                                          |
| 8-12              | Confrontation of Alabama State Troopers and Negro marchers                                      |
| 13-19             | Alabama State Troopers using tear gas on Negro marchers                                         |
| 20-24             | Mounted Dallas County possemen and deputies chasing Negroes                                     |
| 25-26             | Negroes returning to Selma over Edmund Pettus Bridge                                            |
| 27-31             | General scene in area of Browns Chapel showing mounted possemen and deputies on sidewalk in #30 |

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 17, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS,  
DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL  
OF APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS,  
SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH 7, 1965;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT LEWIS,  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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## STATE TROOPERS BEING MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW BY LINGO:

Colonel Al Lingo, Director of the Alabama Public Safety Department, made available to the SAC Mobile on 3/16/65 a list of personnel of the Alabama Highway Patrol who were involved in the dispersal of the demonstrators when they attempted to march from Selma to Montgomery on 3/7/65. Colonel Lingo agreed to interviews of these troopers by Agents for the purpose of eliciting information in their possession concerning their knowledge of events on 3/7/65. The list includes 42 troopers, 10 sergeants, 2 captains, 1 lieutenant, as well as Major Joe Smelley, Major John Cloud and Colonel Russell, Administrative Assistant to Colonel Lingo.

Colonel Lingo also advised that he will make the state troopers available for interview who were on the scene in Marion, Alabama, on the night of 2/18/65 when Jimmy Lee Jackson was shot by Alabama State Trooper Corporal James B. Fowler and numerous other victims were allegedly assaulted. Many of the troopers are currently away from their assigned stations due to the racial situation in Alabama, however, arrangements are being made to interview them with respect to these two incidents as soon as they can be located and made available.

It has been the policy of Colonel Al Lingo and the Alabama Public Safety Department to refuse to make state troopers available to be interviewed in connection with civil rights matters. Colonel Lingo's offer to make the troopers available for interview in connection with the incidents of 2/18/65 and 3/7/65 is a wide exception to his previous policy.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNSUBS; HOSEA WILLIAMS

RE INTERVIEWS OF DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS

Efforts are also being made to obtain a complete list of the 30 to 40 officers of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office and posse members, mounted and unmounted, who were on the scene in the incident of 3/7/65 and involved directly in the dispersal of the demonstrators. Efforts are being made to obtain the cooperation of Sheriff Clark in conducting interviews with each individual deputy sheriff and posse member involved in the dispersal. The Department has requested that we interview state troopers and sheriff's posse members involved.

INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS AND WITNESSES OF 3/7/65 DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS:

In connection with our investigation of the 3/7/65 incident, several individuals have been identified who lived behind the Glass House Restaurant near the point where the demonstrators were dispersed. These persons have furnished information relative to being chased by mounted Dallas County Posse members. They state they were observers and not directly involved in the march. One of these persons has identified a posse member ~~one~~ "Buddy" Wallace as chasing him while riding a gray horse but he states Wallace did not strike him.

Deputy Sheriff Barry Middlebrooks, a member of the Sheriff's Mounted Posse, in his testimony before the hearing in Montgomery on 3/15/65 identified three other members of the mounted posse as ~~John Cross~~; ~~E. B. Wallace~~, who may be identical to Buddy Wallace; and ~~Stoves~~, who is believed to be Captain George Stoves, Assistant Chief Deputy Sheriff. Under cross-examination at the hearing Middlebrooks also conceded that he was instructed to disperse the crowd, if necessary, and force could be used to carry out this mission. Two Alabama State Troopers, who testified, said they could not identify any troopers involved in the 3/7/65 dispersal of marchers.

One victim who was depicted in a photograph as being struck by a posse member has been identified and interviewed but she could not identify the posse member who struck her. Exhaustive efforts are continuing to identify and interview individual subjects and victims of the 3/7/65 dispersal through the use of photographs and interviews of witnesses, subjects and victims. The photographs taken by FBI Agents and news media are being reproduced in sets for investigative teams of Agents to be used for identification purposes in conducting interviews with victims, witnesses and potential subjects. This involves more than 100 photographs for each Agent team.



Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: UNSUBS; HOSEA WILLIAMS

ACTION:

Exhaustive investigation to identify individual subjects in connection with the dispersal of the marchers on 3/7/65 is continuing on an expedite basis and is being closely followed. You will be kept advised.

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*G* *They then*  
*reversed themselves.*  
*X*

March 22, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Enclosed is a memorandum setting forth information relating to the first day of the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, which commenced on March 21, 1965, along with information pertaining to the activities of groups involved in the march as well as related incidents. You may wish to bring this information to the attention of the President.

This information is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3-18-65

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT:

~~JOSEPH FAY~~  
~~6 WYMAN ROAD~~  
~~BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS~~

*March - Selma Alabama 3/9/65*  
*Unidentified Alabama State*  
*Troopers Deputies posse members*  
*Dallas County, Ala. Sheriff P. H. Off.*  
*Involved in tear gas 1941 dispersal*  
*of approx. 65 marchers*  
*3-13-65*

By postal card postmarked 3-13-65, captioned individual, who is not identifiable in Bufiles, satirically referred to a headline in the "Boston Herald" on page 2 for March 13th reading to the effect, "Tear-Gassing of Marchers Defended by Agent of F. B. I." The Agent was named as James M. Barko and Fay bitterly thanked Mr. Hoover for having such clear-sighted, intelligent, wise, and compassionate agents continually observing America's disgrace. The Director noted "Yet our people considered there were mitigating circumstances for Barko's testimony! H"

The Administrative Division advised that Special Agent James M. Barko entered on duty 9-14-64 and was assigned to his first office, Mobile, on 12-26-64. On 3-15-65, he was ordered to Minneapolis for the purpose of this memo, other administrative action taken is not being mentioned.

## OBSERVATION:

Fay, at most, is merely furnishing Mr. Hoover his snide comment concerning the publicity given to this situation. It would appear he had no intention of eliciting a reply. In view of the tenor of his remarks, he does not deserve one.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That Fay's postal card not be acknowledged.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach

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March 19, 1965

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Civil Rights Division of the  
Department is being advised.

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*March Selma Alabama 3/9/65*  
*Unidentified Alabama State Troopers, Deputy*  
*& Posse Members Dallas County Ala Sheriff's*  
*Office - involved in tear gas 179 & dispersal*  
*of approx. 625 marchers Selma Ala 3/9/65*

The attached post card was sent to the Director from Joseph Fay, 6 Wyman Road, Billerica, Massachusetts.

The card contains the following note:

" 'Tear-Gassing of Marchers Defended by \*Agent of F.B.I.' "

Headline in Boston Herald page 2, March 13

\*James M. Barko

Thanks for having such clear sighted, intelligent, wise, and compassionate agents continually observing America's disgrace. "

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*yes our people considered these were mitigating circumstances for Barko's testimony!*

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March Selma Alabama 3-7-65  
Unidentified State Troopers, Deputies &  
Posse members Dallas County AL, Sheriff  
Office - involved in tear Gassing & Dispersal of

APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS SELMA  
 TEAR-GASSING OF MARCHERS DEFENDED  
 ALA 3-7-65  
 by Agent of F.B.I.

Headline in Boston Herald  
 page 2, March 13

\* James M. Berko

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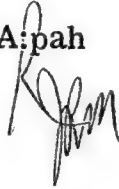
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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Civil Rights Division of Department  
being advised of information in attached.



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

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Unknown Subjects

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES  
AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY  
SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, THREE SEVEN SIXTY FIVE;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VICTIMS.

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REMOTEL SUMMARY MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST.

DAILY TELETYPE SUMMARY.

3 MAR 22 1965

INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED TODAY WITH POTENTIAL WITNESSES TO  
MARCH THAT OCCURRED MARCH SEVEN LAST IN AREA OF HIGHWAY  
EIGHTY EAST AND SPECIFICALLY QUOTE "BRADFORD CIRCLE" UNQUOTE.

WILLIE ALBERT MACK ADVISED HE WAS NEAR KAYO SERVICE  
STATION MARCH SEVEN LAST, RECOGNIZED TWO POSSE MEMBERS  
WHO RAN THEIR HORSES TOWARD NEGRO SPECTATORS, JOHN CROSS AND  
E.P. WALLACE.

MAMIE LEE HAYNES, MOTHER OF MINOR CHILDREN, STATED SHE  
AND HER CHILDREN, MC ARTHUR, JESSIE MAE AND ROBERT LEWIS  
WERE NEAR KAYO STATION OBSERVING MARCH, THREE SEVEN LAST.

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MAMIE LEE AND JESSIE MAE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES IN AERIAL PHOTO WHICH SHOWS MOUNTED POSSEMEN CHASING THEM SOME THREE HUNDRED YARDS TO THEIR HOME ON BRADFORD CIRCLE.

FOUR AUTOMOBILES APPEARING IN AERIAL PHOTOS WERE BEING DRIVEN IN REVERSE THREE HUNDRED YARDS TO BRADFORD CIRCLE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS OWNED BY WILLIE JAMES ~~X~~ SPIVEY, JAMES ~~X~~ MALL, JAMES ~~X~~ ACOFF AND ARTHUR ~~X~~ QUOTE "SONNY" UNQUOTE ~~X~~ JACKSON. A/A

AERIAL PHOTOS FURTHER SHOW THREE NEGRO MALES BEING CHASED UP DIRT ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT THREE HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE DISPERSAL AREA ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST. THESE MEN IDENTIFIED AS DAN WILLIAMS, GEORGE DOUGLAS AND JIMMY

~~X~~ ACOFF.

INTERVIEW OF THE ABOVE THREE DISCLOSES THAT ALTHOUGH HORSEMEN SWUNG CLUBS AT THEM THEY WERE NOT HIT. DOUGLAS DESCRIBED ONE MOUNTED POSSEMAN WHO WAS SWINGING CLUB AT HIM AS HAVING SOME GOLD TEETH AND WAS SMOKING CIGAR. THE HORSE HAD A WHITE STREAK ON FACE WHICH APPEARS IN PHOTO.

CARTHON RUDOLPH WHO WAS OBSERVING FROM KAYO SERVICE STATION STATES MOUNTED POSSEMAN CHASED HIM ACROSS FIELD FOR ABOUT TWO HUNDRED YARDS, THIS MAN WEARING KHAKI HUNTING 208  
END PAGE TWO

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SUIT, HELMET AND RIDING A BLACK HORSE. MAN SWUNG CLUB, MISSED, AND RUDOLPH STATES HE STRUCK BACK AT HORSE WITH KNIFE AND MISSED.

ALBERTA JACKSON IDENTIFIED HER HUSBAND'S AUTOMOBILE IN AERIAL PHOTOS. STATES OCCUPANTS OF CAR WERE ARTHUR ~~QUOTE~~ "SONNY" ~~UNQUOTE~~ JACKSON, ARTHUR'S GRANDFATHER WHO CLAIMS TO BE ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE YEARS OLD, AND ALBERTA. SHE OBSERVED A REDDISH COLORED HORSE RUN INTO AND OVER A SMALL WOMAN ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE WEARING A GRAY COAT WHO WAS TRYING TO CLIMB OUT OF A DITCH TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE DISPERSAL AREA ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST, SELMA.

MRS. GEORGE DOUGLAS IDENTIFIED A PHOTO TAKEN THROUGH THE WINDOW OF A BUREAU CAR AS DEPICTING A POSSE MEMBER SWINGING CLUB INTO SMALL GROUP. SHE ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP WERE CULMAN JAMES BEETON ~~PAREN~~ <sup>(Phonetic)</sup> PH ~~PAREN~~, ALBERTA PREVO, SISTER OF MRS. DOUGLAS, AND ELTHA MAE BEETON ~~PAREN~~ <sup>(phonetic)</sup>, PH ~~PAREN~~.

ALL OF THE ABOVE ~~INDIVIDUALS~~ INDIVIDUALS ARE OBSERVERS OF THE MARCH AND THEY WERE NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MARCHING FROM BROWNS CHAPEL AME CHURCH, SELMA, TO HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST ACROSS

PAGE FOUR

PETTUS BRIDGE.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY INJURED DURING  
DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS: VASHTIE LEASHORE. STELLA DAVIS,  
RUTH PRITCHETT, AND ERNEST ULMER FURNISHED INFORMATION  
THAT LEASHORE WAS PUSHED BY ~~AST~~ <sup>ALABAMA STATE TROOPER</sup> HOLDING NIGHTSTICK IN HANDS  
WHICH BROKE TWO OF HER RIBS AND HE ALSO STRUCK HER ON HEAD  
WITH STICK. DAVIS SUFFERED BROKEN WRIST WHEN SHE FELL TO  
GROUND AND SOME OTHER INDIVIDUAL FELL ON TOP OF HER.  
PRITCHETT STATES WAS NOT INVOLVED IN MARCH HOWEVER WAS GASSED  
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SYLVAN STREET, SELMA, WHEN TROOPERS  
THREW GAS IN CHURCH AFTER NEGRO BOYS PELTED THEM WITH ROCKS  
AND BOTTLES. ULMER NOT INVOLVED IN MARCH BUT WAS ~~QUOTE~~  
"CUT" ~~UNQUOTE~~ BY HIS GIRL FRIEND NIGHT OF MARCH FIVE LAST  
AND RECEIVED EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL,  
SELMA, MARCH SEVEN LAST. LEASHORE AND DAVIS CAN FURNISH  
NO INFORMATION AS TO IDENTITY OF TROOPERS AND PRITCHETT AND  
ULMER NOT INVOLVED IN MARCH THEREFORE DID NOT OBSERVE  
ACTIVITIES ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST WHEN MARCHERS DISPERSED.

INVESTIGATION, <sup>ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL</sup> CONTINUING, AAG JOHN DOAR BEING ADVISED AS  
INVESTIGATION PROGRESSES. 31 MAR 68  
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The Attorney General

March 18, 1965

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
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1 - Mr. Hines

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS,  
DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF  
APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA  
MARCH 7, 1965  
MOSEA WILLIAMS,  
JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

It may be of interest to you to know that in connection with our investigation of the tear gassing and dispersal of marchers at Selma, Alabama, on March 7, 1965, by Alabama State Troopers and deputies and posse members of the Dallas County, Alabama, Sheriff's Office, that we contacted Colonel Al Lingo, Director, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, on March 16, 1965, with regard to his making available for interview by FBI Agents the state troopers who were involved in the incident. After a discussion of the matter, Colonel Lingo agreed to interviews of his troopers by FBI Agents and furnished a list of all troopers involved in the dispersal of the marchers.

Subsequently on March 17, 1965, Colonel Lingo reversed his position. After a full discussion of the matter with Colonel Lingo, members of his staff and his attorney, John Kohn of Montgomery, Colonel Lingo maintained his position of refusing to allow his troopers to be interviewed and Mr. Kohn stated that he would refuse to allow interviews with Colonel Lingo or any of his troopers and would not let them furnish any information under any circumstances.

Sheriff James G. Clark, Jr., Dallas County, Alabama, was also contacted on March 17, 1965, to determine whether or not he would make himself, his deputies or members of his sheriff's posse available for interview concerning the dispersal of the marchers on March 7, 1965. Sheriff Clark stated that he

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, same caption dated 3/18/65, JWH/pak.

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would not consider furnishing a statement relative to the incident, and he refused to allow himself, his deputies or his posse members to be interviewed by FBI Agents. Sheriff Clark stated that had always been his position in civil rights matters, and he has no reason to change his position at this time.

Inasmuch as Colonel Lingo, upon advice of his attorney, and Sheriff Clark will not make their personnel available for interview by FBI Agents, we are unable to proceed with this important phase of our investigation. In view of this you may wish to give consideration to calling Colonel Lingo, Sheriff Clark and members of their respective departments involved before an early grand jury. You may also wish to give consideration to making the general public aware of the attitudes of Colonel Lingo and Sheriff Clark and their lack of cooperation with the Government.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. John Doar  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

FBI

Date: 3/17/65

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PHOTO-MECHANICAL SEC.

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234) (P)

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS,  
DEPUTIES, AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INVOLVED IN TEAR  
GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 625  
MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, 3/7/65;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL. -  
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Enclosed are three (3) cassettes of Kodacolor-X  
35 mm. film. One cassette, numbered 5, is intact. The Plus-X  
cassette, numbered 6, is a roll of Kodacolor-X film that  
broke in the camera near the end of the roll. It was spooled  
into the Plus-X cassette and the empty Kodacolor-X cassette,  
numbered 6, is also being submitted in the event any film  
remains inside it.

The enclosed rolls of film were exposed with  
available light, a small electronic flash, or a combination  
of both. An 85 cc. filter is indicated when used.

The Laboratory is requested to process the film.  
Where two pictures are identical, except for the exposure, the  
Laboratory is requested to choose the best negative for the  
desired prints.

The Laboratory is requested to make four prints  
of each negative selected and return all prints and negatives  
to Selma for identification and dissemination.

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The following descriptions of abbreviations are  
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Available light (al)  
Electronic Flash (ef)  
85 cc film (85)  
Gray Card (gc).

ROLL #5:

LEE JONES, 2/20/65

- 1) Photo of head, ef, 85, gc

ALBERT JACKSON, 2/22/65

- 2) Back of head, 5½', 85, F8, gc  
3) Back of head, 5½', 85, F5.6, gc  
4) Profile of ALBERT JACKSON

MILDRED LOUISE DOBYNES, 2/22/65

- 5) Close up of knee, 5½', F8, ef, 85 gc  
6) Blank  
7) Close up of knee, 5½', F5.6, ef, 85, gc  
8) Over-all, F8, 85 gc

JOHNNIE MAXINE SMITH, 2/22/65

- 9) Over-all, 7', F5.6, ef, 85, gc  
10) Close up of ankle, 6', F8, ef, 85, gc  
11) Close up of ankle, 6', F5.6, ef, 85, gc

CHARLES MIREE, 2/22/65

- 12) Close up of eye, 5½', F8, ef, 85, gc  
13) Close up of eye, 5½', F5.6, ef, 85, gc

JIMMIE LEE JACKSON, 2/23/65

- 14) Over-all, showing bullet holes in abdomen,  
4', F16, ef, 85, gc  
15) Blank  
16) Over-all, 4', F11, ef, 85, gc  
showing bullet holes in abdomen

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ANNIE FULLER, 3/8/65

17) Fractured left leg, 10', F4, ef, 85, gc

VASHTI LASHORE, 3/8/65

18) Possible fractured rib, 1 sec., F16, 85, al

19) Possible fractured rib, 1 sec., F11, 85, al

ROLL #6:

JEANETTE HOWARD, 3/8/65

1) 4', F11, ef, 85, gc

2) 4', F8, ef, 85, gc

ARZULA SANDERS, 3/8/65

3) Head photograph, 1 sec., F16

4) Head photograph, 1 sec. F11

5) Full face, 1 sec., F11

EMERSON ACOFF, 3/8/65

6) Hand in front of face - no data

REHMOND FAILES, 3/8/65

7) 30", F16, ef, 85, gc

8) 30", F11, ef, 85, gc

STELLA DAVIS, 3/8/65

9) 4', f11, ef, 85, gc

WILLIE D. WILLIAMS, 3/8/65

10) Right leg and full body, 10', F4, ef, 85, gc

11) Right leg and full body, 10', F4, ef, 85, gc, al

MARGUERITE CLAY BROOKS, 3/8/65

12) Top of head, 30", F16, ef, 85, gc

13) Forehead area, 30", F16, ef, 85, gc

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EVELIN MAULDIN, 3/8/65

- 14) Blank
- 15) Broken arm, 4', F11, ef, 85, gc, al
- 16) Broken arm, 4', F8, ef, 85, gc, al

The above photographs taken by SA JOSEPH M. AVIGNONE.

The following photographs taken by SA GEORGE R.  
BAKER, JR.:

MARY MC GAHEE, 3/13/65

- 17) ef, gc, no filter
- 18) ef, gc, no filter.

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9:56PM CST URGENT 3-17-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

Unknown Subject

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CONFERENCE WITH COL<sup>ONEL</sup> AL LINGO,

DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, REC 8

STATE OF ALABAMA.

AS SET FORTH IN RE TEL SAC EARL M. DALNESS, MOBILE,  
SENIOR RESIDENT AGENT  
ACCOMPANIED BY SRA SPENCER H. ROBB, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,  
CONFERRED WITH COL. LINGO IN THE OFFICE OF MAJOR JOHN CLOUD,  
HEAD OF THE UNIFORM DIVISION, AND MAJOR JOE SMELLEY, CHIEF OF  
ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AST. AT THIS TIME LINGO AGREED TO INTERVIEWS  
OF HIS TROOPERS BY FBI AGENTS AND WAS MOST RECEPTIVE TO THE  
REQUEST THAT ALL TROOPERS INVOLVED IN THE CAPTIONED CASE BE  
INTERVIEWED. HE POINTED OUT THAT MAJOR CLOUD WOULD BE IN

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A POSITION TO FURNISH THE LOCATION OF ANY TROOPER AT ANY GIVEN TIME SO THAT HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED. HE FURNISHED A LIST OF ALL TROOPERS INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

ON MARCH SEVENTEEN INSTANT LINGO CONTACTED SRA ROBB AND INFORMED THAT ON THE ADVICE OF HIS ATTORNEY JOHN KOHN, MONTGOMERY, HE WAS NOW REVERSING HIS POSITION AND HIS TROOPERS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS, BY BUREAU AGENTS.

A PERSONAL CONFERENCE WAS AGAIN HELD WITH COL. LINGO AT HIS OFFICE BY SAC AND SRA AT MONTGOMERY AND LINGO DISCUSSED THE ABOVE REQUEST WITH CLOUD AND SMELLEY AGAIN. AFTER THE DISCUSSION LINGO STATED THAT HE WOULD ALLOW THE INTERVIEWS PROVIDING HIS ATTORNEY WOULD AGREE. HE TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ATTORNEY KOHN AND STATED THAT HE <sup>(KOHNN)</sup> STILL WOULD NOT ALLOW THE INTERVIEWS. LINGO IMMEDIATELY HANDED THE PHONE TO ~~SAC~~ <sup>SAC</sup> DALNESS AND DALNESS DISCUSSED THE REQUEST FOR INTERVIEWS WITH THE ATTORNEY. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO INTERVIEWS OF ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS BY BUREAU AGENTS ONLY IN HIS PRESENCE. THE ATTORNEY WAS ADVISED THAT HIS POSITION IN THIS

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MATTER WOULD BE GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION AND HE WOULD BE CONTACTED AS TO WHETHER THESE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS THEN HELD WITH COL. LINGO AND HE AGAIN CONTACTED ATTORNEY KOHN. DURING SECOND CONTACT SAC DALNESS AGAIN TALKED TO THE ATTORNEY ON THE PHONE AND AT THIS TIME THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND IN THE MATTER AND HE WOULD REFUSE INTERVIEWS WITH COL. LINGO AND ANY OF HIS TROOPERS AND WOULD NOT LET THEM FURNISH ANY INFORMATION UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

CONFERENCE WITH SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, JR.

DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA AT SELMA, ALABAMA.

A CONFERENCE WAS HELD WITH SHERIFF CLARK THIS DATE BY INSPECTOR JOSEPH A. SULLIVAN AND SRA ROBERT L. FRYE, SELMA, ALABAMA. SHERIFF CLARK WAS APPROACHED TO MAKE HIMSELF AND HIS POSSE MEMBERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED CASE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. CLARK STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT EVEN CONSIDER FURNISHING A STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER AND WOULD REFUSE INTERVIEWS WITH HIMSELF, HIS DEPUTIES, AND POSSE MEMBERS. HE STATED THAT THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS POSITION IN CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS AND HE HAS NO REASON



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TO CHANGE HIS POSITION AT THIS TIME. CLARK ADVISED THAT AT TIME HE TESTIFIED IN FEDERAL COURT, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, THIS PAST WEEK HE FURNISHED A LIST OF DALLAS COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS, THEREFORE HE SAW NO NECESSITY FOR HIM TO AGAIN FURNISH THE LIST BECAUSE IT WAS IN POSSESSION OF THE FEDERAL COURT AT MONTGOMERY.

*ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL*

1 LIST BEING OBTAINED THROUGH ~~AAG~~ JOHN DOAR.

INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR INVESTIGATIONS.

SEVERAL WITNESSES WHO OBSERVED THE DISPERSAL IN CAPTIONED CASE INTERVIEWED TODAY AND NEBULOUS INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTITIES OF STATE TROOPERS, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, AND DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBERS<sup>(OBTAINED)</sup>; HOWEVER INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT AIDS IN RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISPERSAL AND RESULTING CHAOTIC CONDITIONS THAT ENSUED AFTER MARCHERS WERE DISPERSED/ PHOTOGRAPHIC SETS FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION STILL BEING PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS AT SELMA, ALABAMA AND NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS BEING IDENTIFIED FOR INTERVIEW.

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OBSERVATIONS OF SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., RE AUTHORIZING FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS BY CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERVIEW WITH SHERIFF CLARK MARCH SEVENTEEN HE OBSERVED THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF PERMITTING CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS TO PARADE OR DEMONSTRATE IN SELMA IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM JUDGE DANIEL H. THOMAS, <sup>SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA</sup> ~~SDA~~, MOBILE. IT WAS OBSERVED THAT JUDGE THOMAS HAD INDICATED THAT HE FELT THE PARADES AND DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HE HAS AUTHORIZED WERE WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF HIS COURT ORDERS, AND IT APPEARED THE JUDGE ADOPTED A SIMILAR ATTITUDE IN CONNECTION WITH FURTHER REQUESTS TO PARADE MADE BY CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS.

SHERIFF CLARK STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "I AM PERFECTLY HAPPY TO HIDE BEHIND JUDGE THOMAS' SKIRTS. JUDGE THOMAS HAS A LIFETIME JOB. I HAVE TO GET ELECTED ~~UNQUOTE~~. ON THIS PREMISE CLARK STATED HE WOULD REQUIRE A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT BY JUDGE THOMAS ON EACH OCCASION DEMONSTRATORS SOUGHT TO PARADE.

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THE CONTACT WITH SHERIFF CLARK OCCURRED IMMEDIATELY AFTER A PARADE WHICH HAD CULMINATED IN A FORTY FIVE MINUTE MEETING IN FRONT OF THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SELMA. IN THE MIDST OF THE MEETING A VERITABLE DELUGE OF RAIN DECENDED UPON THE ASSEMBLED RIGHTS WORKERS. THE RAIN TURNED TO HAIL AND CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE LAST HALF OF THE MEETING AT THE COURTHOUSE. THE SHERIFF FACETIOUSLY INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER AGENTS BELIEVED HE COULD BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS STATUTES FOR PRAYING FOR RAIN DURING THIS DEMONSTRATION.

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# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/12/65

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
Dallas County, Alabama  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION  
CIVIL RIGHTS ELECTION LAWS

cc Mr. Belmont  
Mr. J.P. Mohr  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. McGowan  
Mr. Hines

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At 10:10 a.m. today I called Inspector Joseph Sullivan at Meridian, Mississippi and instructed him to proceed immediately to Selma, Alabama for the purpose of taking charge of the investigations of Civil Rights matters there. Inspector Sullivan said he would leave promptly, arriving at Selma later today, and would call me upon arrival.

I told Sullivan that there are two main cases at present and we want him to take hold of them hard and run an aggressive investigation to come up with the necessary evidence and witnesses for prosecution. I told him the Director has advised the AG that Sullivan is going to Selma.

The first matter concerns the march in Selma on Sunday, 3/7, which was brutally broken up by Alabama State Highway Officers and Sheriff Clarke's posse. Agents observed the demonstrations, took photographs, and have been continuing to observe activities in Selma on a current basis. The AG stated at a press conference yesterday that the FBI had identified many of these police officers who broke up the march. However, the facts are that our agents have been tied up in constant observation and developing information for the hearing before Judge Johnson yesterday, and because of gas masks used by the officers the identifications have not as yet been made. It is imperative that this be pursued through the examination of photographs taken by the Bureau, by the press media, by witnesses, by victims, and by interview of the officers.

I told Sullivan the Department has sent through a request for specific investigation, which we will send to Selma, but it should be thoroughly understood that we are running the investigation and it is our responsibility to run a thorough investigation, encompassing all necessary aspects to develop the evidence for prosecution, as the AG has indicated the Government will proceed with prosecution.

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As to the second case, involving the attack on the three ministers, I brought Sullivan up to date on what had happened and told him the Department has likewise requested certain additional investigation which we will send down to Selma. Here again, the investigation is our responsibility and should not be limited to any the Department has requested, and we should conduct a thorough investigation to develop the necessary evidence.

I told Sullivan that Assistant Attorney General Doar and his attorneys are in Selma and that while it is necessary to get along amicably with them, it must be thoroughly understood that we are running the investigation. I told him that apparently because of the pressure of time, Doar had been allowed to look at Agents' notes of their interviews and rough drafts and that this is improper as misunderstandings can arise. Material should be turned over promptly to Doar but it should be on official form and must also be sent in immediately to the Bureau.

I told Sullivan that we are sending 16 additional Agents into Selma with cars, etc., and if he need more stenographers, or more Agents or more equipment, he is to call me and so advise. I told him that SAC Dalness had not wanted a direct phone but if he finds a direct phone is necessary, he should call the Bureau. I reiterated that his dealings with Doar and the attorneys should be amicable but the Bureau is in control of the investigation.

I told Sullivan that we want the same type of job he did in Philadelphia, namely, to develop sources who can tell us what is going on within the Klan and the rabble elements who are responsible for violence, and that he should stress the development of such sources. I told him in the investigation of the attack on the marchers last Sunday, he should pay particular attention to Sheriff Clark and his posse because of their continual resort to violence.

I told Sullivan it is imperative that the Bureau be kept advised of developments inasmuch as the Director must be in the position of advising the White House and the Attorney General

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and answer any questions that may come up as to Bureau activities. Sullivan said he understood, he would depart immediately for Selma and would keep in touch with the Bureau.

I called SAC Dalness in Selma and told him Sullivan was taking over the investigation; that Dalness should bring Sullivan up to date and work closely with him.

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on Dalness.*  
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FBI, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
Schick Safety Razor Co.

Attention Mr. Robert McCormick

Gentlemen:

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I'm not going to take sides to the Selma affair. I am too far from it and don't know enough about it. When accepting newspaper, radio, and television reports; these I always take with a grain of salt. It is a known fact that these mediums form public opinion.

The statement of Mr. McCormick of which I object to is that he stated that this particular FBI man was from Mobile, Alabama and implied by his tone of voice that this FBI man was bias and prejudice. (as I understood it, was since he was from a Southern state he wasn't fair, honest, or conscientious in his statement in court)

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Sincerely,

*George O. Stahley*  
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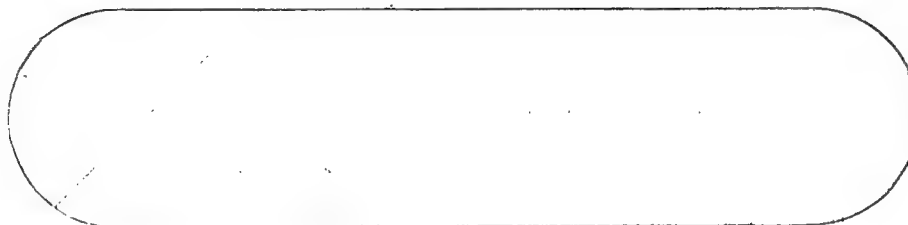
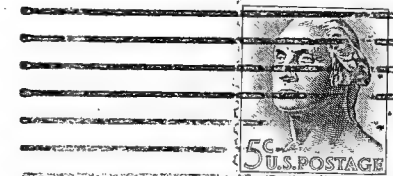
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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*  
FROM : C. L. McGowan *McGowan*

DATE: March 18, 1965

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; DISPERSAL OF  
DEMONSTRATORS, SELMA,  
ALABAMA, MARCH 7, 1965;  
HOSEA WILLIAMS, JOHN ROBERT  
LEWIS, ET AL. - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

*John*  
The Department had previously requested that copies be made of specific pictures which had been obtained from the Associated Press (AP). New York Office endeavored to obtain the pictures from AP last week and learned that the negatives were no longer available in New York but had been sent to Paris.

While discussing another matter with D. R. Owen of the Department today, he was asked if the Department still desired these pictures inasmuch as it was last known that the negatives were in Paris and probably would not be back in this country until the latter part of this week. Mr. Owen stated that although the hearing had been completed in court they still desired to obtain the pictures for possible use in connection with our investigation and later court action.

## ACTION

SAC Alexander was telephonically advised that the Department still desired that we should obtain prints of the specified numbered AP photographs previously furnished to Montgomery, Alabama. Alexander was instructed to have the New York Office contact AP and set up appropriate arrangements so that the negatives would be made available upon return from Paris and arrangements could be worked out to prepare the desired prints.

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UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SO INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA., THREE SEVEN SIXTYFIVE; HOSEA WILLIAMS., JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VICTIMS. CR.

RE TEL CALL SECTION CHIEF CLEMENT J. MC GOWAN MARCH SEVENTEEN INSTANT AND SELMA TELS MARCH SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN SIXTYFIVE, DESCRIBING TESTIMONY OF MAJOR JOHN CLOUD, ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, IN CONNECTION WITH HEARINGS AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. THE BUREAU SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED COMMENTS CONCERNING CLOUD'S DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS AT THE TIME OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE DEMONSTRATORS AND THE ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS FOLLOWING THE CROSSING OF THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE IN SELMA ALABAMA .

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BY WAY OF BACKGROUND ON MARCH SIX LAST IN A PARADE TO THE DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LIGHTLY COVERED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, TWO SNCC WORKERS WERE SLAPPED. IN CONNECTION  
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WITH THIS DEMONSTRATION IN THE COURTHOUSE AREA THE TENSION BETWEEN THE ONLOOKING WHITE PEOPLE AND NEGROES WAS REGARDED AS EXPLOSIVE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

ON MARCH SIX LAST MAJOR CLOUD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE SELMA RESIDENT AGENCY THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STOP NEGRO MARCHERS IN ANY ATTEMPT TO MARCH TO MONTGOMERY AT THE FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHT BEYOND THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST. HE STATED THAT IF THE DEMONSTRATORS REFUSED TO DISPERSE AND ENGAGED IN A SIT DASH DOWN OR LIE DASH DOWN DEMONSTRATION THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY RESORT TO TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE THEM.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARCH SIX LAST DEMONSTRATION , SELMA CITY POLICE HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE COURTHOUSE AREA UPON INSTRUCTIONS OF MAYOR JOE SMITHERMAN. PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR J. WILSON BAKER WAS INSTRUCTED TO AFFORD NO PROTECTION TO DEMONSTRATORS.

WITH REGARD TO THE PLANS TO STOP A MARCH TO MONTGOMERY BAKER INFORMED THE MAYOR THAT IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSAL TO USE TEAR GAS ON THE DEMONSTRATORS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE A PARTY TO THE PROPOSED POLICE ACTION BEYOND THE EDMUND

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PAGE THREE/ PETTUS BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST.

ON MARCH SEVEN LAST AT TWO EIGHTEEN P.M., APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO ZERO PERSON, PREDOMINATLY NEGROES MARCHED IN A NORTHERLY MANNER FROM BROWN CHAPEL AME CHURCH THROUGH THE CITY OF SELMA TO HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST WHERE THEY CROSSED THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE. THIS BRIDGE LEADS OUT OF THE DOWNTOWN SECTION OF SELMA.

HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC STAFF, AND JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, CHAIRMAN, SNCC, WERE AT THE HEAD OF THE COLUMNS OF MARCHERS. NO PARTICULAR SPACING WAS EVIDENT IN THE LINE OF MARCH, HOWEVER THE GROUP APPEARED TO BE ORDERLY. THEY FILLED THE ENTIRE SIDEWALK WHICH THEY WERE WALKING <sup>NE</sup> ~~ON~~, TWO OR THREE ABREAST. THEY REMAINED IN FORMATION CROSSING THE BRIDGE TAKING UP THE PEDESTRIAN WALK ON ONE SIDE AS THEY PROCEEDED.

WHEN THE GROUP REACHED THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE BRIDGE HEADING EAST TOWARD MONTGOMERY, THE SIDEWALK ENDED BUT THE MARCHERS MAINTAINED THEIR BASIC FORMATION MOVING TOWARD THE LINE OF ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS ESTABLISHED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE FOOT OF THE BRIDGE. THE MARCHERS WALKED ON THE EDGE OF THE HIGHWAY ON THE DRIVEWAY DIVIDERS WHICH ARE

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APPROXIMATELY FOUR FEET WIDE.

ABOUT TWENTY YARDS FROM THE DRAWN UP LINE OF TROOPERS THE MARCHERS STOPPED AS MAJOR CLOUD ANNOUNCED ON THE LOUD SPEAKER THAT THE MARCHERS SHOULD STOP. HE TOLD THEM THEY WERE GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY AND ORDERED THEM TO DISPERSE.

HOSEA WILLIAMS ASKED WHETHER HE COULD SPEAK WITH CLOUD A MINUTE. CLOUD SAID YOU ARE ORDERED TO DISPERSE IN TWO MINUTES. WILLIAMS REPEATED MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU ONE MINUTE. CLOUD STATED I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY.

A SHORT SPACE OF TIME ELAPSED, EXTIMATED ABOUT TWO MINUTES, THEN A LINE OF TWENTY DASH TWENTYFIVE TROOPERS WEARING GAS MASKS AND HOLDING NIGHTSTICKS BY BOTH HANDS AT CHEST LEVEL ADVANCED ON THE DEMONSTRATORS. BY PHYSICAL FORCE THEY PUSHED THE DEMONSTRATORS BACK THIRTY DASH FORTY YARDS TOWARDS THE BRIDGE. THIS ACTION LEFT FOUR OR FIVE NEGROES SPRAWLED ON THE GROUND.

CLOUD ORDERED THE TROOPERS TO REGROUP. WITH THIS THE ADVANCING LINE OF TROOPERS REFORMED CHASING THE DEMONSTRATORS WHO BY THIS TIME HAD SEATED THEMSELVES HUDDLING TOGETHER  
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ALONG THE EDGE OF THE HIGHWAY.)

AT THIS POINT SOME TROOPERS, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AND DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBERS DEPLOYED ALONG SIDE THE MARCHERS' FORMATION ON THE GRASS STRIP THAT IS THE BOULEVARD DIVIDER OF THE HIGHWAY. THEY ROLLED TEAR GAS, NAUSEA AND SMOKE CANNISTERS AT THE EDGE OF THE FORMATION OF MARCHERS WHICH STRECHED BACK ALMOST TO THE FOOT OF THE BRIDGE.)

SOME MARCHERS AT THE REAR OF THE LINE HAD STARTED TO RETREAT OVER THE BRIDGE BUT THE MAIN FORMATION REMAINED SEATED HUDDLED TOGETHER.)

TROOPERS AGAIN CONVERGED ON THE LEAD GROUP. SEVERAL TROOPERS WERE SEEN STRIKING BLOWS WITH THEIR NIGHTSTICKS. AT THIS TIME THE TROOPERS WERE STILL WEARING GAS MASKS.)

WITH THIS ACTION THE MARCHERS BEGAN TO DISPERSE IN VARIOUS DIRECTONS, THE MAJORITY RETREATING OVER THE BRIDGE. DALLAS COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS CHASED THEM INTO AREAS ON BOTH SIDES OF HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST AND PURSUED THEM OVER THE BRIDGE. THE MARCHERS WERE PURSUED BY MOUNTED POSSE MEMBERS BACK TO THE AREA OF BROWN CHAPEL AME CHURCH. EN ROUTE THEY WERE REINFORCED BY FOOT POSSE MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN ON  
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STANDBY AT THE FOOT OF THE BRIDGE IN THE DOWNTOWN SELMA AREA.

THIS IS AN ACCURATE <sup>S</sup>DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENTS THAT OCCURED IN THE CONFRONTATION AT THE BRIDGE. IT IS <sup>y</sup>REPORTED BY THE PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXAMINED RELATING TO ACTIVITIES AT THE SCENE. (THE MEANING OF MAJOR CLOUD'S COMMENT THAT THE MARCHERS WERE IN A STATE OF ~~QUOTE~~ TURMOIL ~~UNQUOTE~~ IS APPARENTLY SUBJECTIVE IN THE CONNOTATION WHEREIN HE EMPLOYED THE TERM.) NONE OF THE TROOPERS WERE OBSERVED TO HAVE FALLEN IN <sup>DS</sup>DISPERSING THE DEMONSTRATORS, HOWEVER A PICTURE IN ~~QUOTE~~ LIFE ~~UNQUOTE~~ MAGAZINE FOR THE CURRENT WEEK DOES DEPICT A STATE TROOPER IN PRONE POSITION AND DOES SUPPORT CLOUD'S COMMENT THAT MARCHERS AND TROOPERS BOTH HAD FALLEN.

WITH REGARD TO THE BUREAU'S EARLIER INQUIRY CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE CLOUD STATED HE AND COLONEL LINGO HAD WITH AN FBI AGENT, ALL OF THE AGENTS ON DUTY AT SELMA THREE SIX, SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE, WHERE CLOUD AND LINGO WERE OPERATING WERE CONTACTED. NONE OF THESE AGENTS HAD A CONFERENCE WITH CLOUD OR LINGO ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED EARLIER SENIOR RESIDENT AGENT ROBERT L. FRYE

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WAS IN TOUCH WITH BOTH OF THESE MEN INDIVIDUALLY TO INQUIRE  
CONCERNING PLANS FOR POLICING THE EFFORTS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS  
TO MARCH TO MONTGOMERY. THESE CONTACTS WERE PURELY FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF SECURING SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO PREPARE  
BUREAU COVERAGE OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT FOLLOWED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 10, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

1 - Mr. Mohr  
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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Kelly  
1 - Mr. Hines

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*March - Selma, Ala. 3/7/65*

Investigation by the Mobile Office of the violence which occurred in Selma, Alabama, 3/7/65, including photographs and observations made by Bureau Agents on the scene, interviews of witnesses, victims who were seriously injured in the violence, television and other coverage of the press media and a review of appropriate hospital records developed that law enforcement officers, including the Alabama Highway Patrol troopers and particularly members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, clubbed and beat some of the participants in the march with no apparent provocation other than the fact that the demonstrators refused to disperse after having been so ordered.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Investigation conducted of the incidents on 3/7/65 by the Mobile Office reflects the following.

On 3/7/65 a large crowd built up at Brown's Chapel AME Church, Selma, Alabama, at 12:30 p.m., CST. The purpose of the meeting at the Chapel was to organize a march to Montgomery, Alabama, to protest voting registration procedures in Alabama, generally and specifically in Dallas County. The meeting at the church continued until 2:18 p.m., CST, at which time a group of approximately 625 persons, practically all of whom were Negroes, marched from the Chapel led by Hosea Williams of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff and John Robert Lewis, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. The marchers proceeded to the Edmund Pettus Bridge located in the main downtown area in Selma near the Alabama River at the intersection of Water Avenue and Broad Street.

The marchers proceeded across the bridge and at 2:52 p.m. were confronted and stopped on highway 80 east by approximately 70 Alabama State Troopers under the direction of Colonel Al Lingo, Director, Alabama Department of Public Safety and Major John Cloud, Chief of Uniform Division of the Alabama State Troopers.

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RE: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Cloud instructed the Negroes to disperse and when Hosea Williams requested to speak to Cloud, Cloud stated that he had no more to say and gave the marchers two minutes to disperse. When the two minutes had expired and the marchers stood mute without moving, Cloud directed a line of approximately 25 troopers to approach and disperse the marchers. The troopers, who were wearing gas masks and carrying night sticks, initially converged on the lead group of Negroes holding their night sticks on end by both hands and physically forced the Negroes back approximately 30 yards. Four or five Negroes were observed lying on the ground between the point of the initial contact by the troopers and the point 30 yards distant where the main body of the demonstrators had been pushed back. Up until that time no club swinging or brutality on the part of the troopers was observed, however shortly after the initial contact by the troopers the demonstrators sat down on the side of the road and huddled together. At that point tear gas, as well as smoke and nauseous gas were used on the demonstrators and the troopers immediately moved in again on the lead group as the demonstrators began running all over the area and back towards the general direction of the bridge. At this point troopers with no apparent provocation other than the fact that the demonstrators had refused to disperse were observed to start swinging clubs and striking the demonstrators. Dallas County Sheriff's Office mounted police then moved in and its members in particular were extremely active in chasing the demonstrators and striking several with their clubs as the Negroes dispersed back over the bridge at approximately 3:14 p.m. Law enforcement officers then continued to chase the Negroes back to the bridge and at 3:31 p.m. all was quiet.

Records at the hospitals in Selma show that 58 persons were admitted and treated. Sixteen were confined with serious injuries while 42 were treated and released for minor injuries such as lacerations and tear gas inhalation.

ACTION:

All pertinent information developed in our investigation has been furnished to Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar on the scene in Selma for his use at the hearing tomorrow on the request by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to enjoin Governor Wallace, Colonel Lingo and Dallas County Sheriff James Clark from interfering with Negroes right to march.

The Mobile Office is submitting a detailed teletype summarizing the results of its investigation of the 3/7/65 violence at Selma.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: March 12, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
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1 - Mr. Hines

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SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

## SYNOPSIS:

The report of our investigation of the attempted march by demonstrators from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Alabama, on March 7, 1965, has been received at the Bureau and reviewed. The report contains the interview report forms of the Agents who observed the incident, interviews with the victims who were treated for injuries as a result of the incident, interviews with witnesses including city police officers who were there to control the spectators but did not participate in dispersal of the marchers, and a check of the records at the two hospitals in Selma identifying and setting forth the nature of the treatment afforded the victims.

The report establishes that more than 625 marchers, mostly Negroes, departed Brown's Chapel, Selma, about 2:18 p.m., 3/7/65 for a prearranged march to Montgomery, Alabama. The marchers walked in columns of two's to a point approximately 250 yards from the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge on U. S. Highway 80 East just outside the city limits of Selma but within Selma police jurisdiction. They were there confronted by Alabama State Troopers under direct command of Major John Cloud, Chief of the Uniform Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety. The leader of the march, Hosea Williams, requested audience of Cloud which was denied. Troopers advanced on the lead group and physically pushed the marchers back a distance of 30 to 40 yards leaving four or five Negroes sprawled in the road. The marchers sat and huddled on the edge of the road whereupon the troopers again advanced using tear gas on the marchers and moved in with force to disperse the Negroes. Some troopers were seen striking Negroes with clubs and the Dallas County Sheriff's Posse members, some mounted on horses and some on foot, entered the action and were seen to strike the marchers. The marchers then dispersed in wild confusion and were chased by members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

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DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

The interview reports of the Agents setting forth their observations indicates that the chasing and clubbing of the marchers occurred after the officers had donned gas masks and threw tear gas canisters around the lead group of marchers. At that point, as the Negro marchers began to disperse to escape the tear gas, troopers ran into the crowd and indiscriminately struck marchers without waiting for any actions of resistance. Those who broke away singly and in small groups from the main group were chased by a mounted posse of 15 officers led by two full-time sheriff's deputies identified as Captain George Stoves and Berry Middlebrooks. Some of the mounted posse officers were observed striking victims on the head and back while chasing them.

One young Negro girl was observed being chased by a posse member on horseback who was seen to swing at her several times with a club. White civilian spectators were heard cheering the troopers and posse members and yelling loudly each time a Negro was clubbed. All of the mounted posse men were dressed alike and wearing gas masks and could not be identified as taking a particular action, however, the observations of the Agents indicated that most of the chasing and clubbing was done by the mounted posse.

SA Daniel Doyle observed a group of white males, who were not law enforcement officers, attacking individual Negroes, who had been separated from the group, behind a service station. Posse members and troopers observed the beatings by these white males but took no action and, when Doyle attempted to photograph the attacks, he was attacked by the group and his camera taken from him. Doyle's assailants have since been identified and arrested on charges of assaulting a Federal officer.

The interviews of the victims who were injured in the incident sets forth their individual accounts of the incident and the extent of their injuries which consisted primarily of gas asphyxiation, lacerations and possible fractures of the skull and some suffered torn ligaments and bruises from falling. One victim was chased into a church by a posse member who hit him in the head with a club, knocked him down, then hit and kicked him. None of the witnesses could identify any particular officer as having been responsible for their injuries.

Interviews with witnesses include an interview with Selma Public Safety Director J. Wilson Baker who states that Selma Mayor Smitherman told him earlier on 3/7/65 that he had committed the city police to stopping the march but Baker refused and instructed his men not to participate in stopping the march. He sent a police car and four men to the scene with instructions to control traffic and to control the spectators and to take no action toward stopping the march. Interviews with five of the city police officers on the scene reflect that they observed the march up until the point where tear gas was used and the marchers were dispersed by the troopers and the mounted posse after which they state that they were completely occupied in controlling the spectators and saw no specific incidents where marchers were struck or beaten.

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11:38PM CST URGENT 3-16-65 MFH

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UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES  
AND POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SO INVOLVED IN  
TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWO FIVE  
MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA, THREE SEVEN SIXTY FIVE; HOSEA  
WILLIAMS; JOHN ROBERT LEWIS; ET AL DASH VICTIMS, CR, EL.

REMOTEL TODAY.

COLONEL AL LINGO, DIRECTOR, ALABAMA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT,  
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SAC, MOBILE, AT MONTGOMERY ON  
MARCH SIXTEEN INSTANT A LIST OF PERSONNEL OF THE ALABAMA  
HIGHWAY PATROL WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SELMA, ALABAMA DEMONSTRATION  
ON MARCH SEVEN LAST. COLONEL LINGO AGREED TO INTERVIEWS  
OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BY AGENTS FOR PURPOSE OF ELICITING  
INFORMATION IN THEIR POSSESSION CONCERNING THEIR KNOWLEDGE  
OF EVENTS ON MARCH SEVEN LAST. INTERVIEWS WILL INCLUDE  
FORTY TWO TROOPERS, TEN SERGEANTS, TWO CAPTAINS, ONE LIEUTENANT  
AS WELL AS MAJOR JOE SMELLEY, MAJOR JOHN CLOUD AND COLONEL  
RUSSELL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF COLONEL LINGO.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1234)

UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND  
POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INVOLVED  
IN TEAR GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY SIX TWENTY FIVE  
MARCHERS, SELMA, ALA., MARCH SEVEN LAST. HOSEA WILLIAMS,  
JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, ET AL., VICTIMS, CR EL.

REREP SA ROBERT L. FRYE, MARCH ELEVEN LAST, MOBILE.  
TELETYPE SUMMARY.

SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS LOCATED TODAY IN AREA OF HIGHWAY  
EIGHTY EAST, SELMA, WHO LIVE BEHIND GLASS HOUSE RESTAURANT  
AND WHO FURNISHED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BEING CHASED BY  
MOUNTED DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBERS WHEN AS USED TO DISPERSE  
MARCHERS MARCH SEVEN LAST. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVERS  
AND NOT INVOLVED DIRECTLY ON MARCH. ONE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED  
A POSSE MEMBER QUOTE BUDDY UNQUOTE WALLACE, AS CHASING HIM BUT  
DID NOT STRIKE HIM. WALLACE RIDING GRAY HORSE NAMED QUOTE  
PETE UNQUOTE.

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ONE VICTIM INTERVIEWED WHO WAS DEPICTED IN PHOTO BEING STRUCK BY POSSE MEMBER WITH NIGHT STICK AND VICTIM STATED AFTER VIEWING PHOTO SHE WAS INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED. DURING COURT HEARING MARCH FIFTEEN LAST DEPUTY SHERIFF BARRY MIDDLEBROOKS, MEMBER OF SHERIFF MOUNTED POSSE, IDENTIFIED THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF MOUNTED POSSE, JOHN ~~CROSS~~, E.B. ~~WALLACE~~, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH BUDDY WALLACE, AND STOVES, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE CAPTAIN GEORGE ~~STOVES~~, ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF. MIDDLEBROOKS ALSO CONCEDED UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO DISPERSE CROWD IF NECESSARY AND FORCE COULD BE USED TO CARRY OUT THIS MISSION. TWO ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS ON STAND AFTER MIDDLEBROOKS TESTIMONY, TESTIFIED THEY COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY TROOPER INVOLVED IN MARCH SEVEN LAST DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS.

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NUMEROUS PERSONS WHO ARE POTENTIAL WITNESSES AND VICTIMS WERE STILL INCOURT, MONTGOMERY, ALA., TODAY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT DATE.

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COL. AL LINGO, DIRECTOR, ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, ADVISED TODAY HE WOULD ALLOW INTERVIEWS TO BE CONDUCTED WITH ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS FOR PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING INFORMATION RE MARCH SEVEN LAST DISPERSAL OF MARCHERS. THESE INTERVIEWS TO INVOLVE AT LEAST FIFTY SIX OFFICERS OF THE ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS.

EFFORTS BEING MADE OT OBTAIN COMPLETE LISTS OF DALLAS COUNTY POSSE MEMBERS, MOUNTED AND UNMOUNTED, WHO WERE ON SCENE MARCH SEVEN LAST INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN DISPERSAL AND FURTHER EFFORTS BEING MADE OT OBTAIN COOPERATION OF SHERIFF CLARK IN CONDUCTING INTERIVEWS WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL DEPUTY AND POSSE MEMBER INVOLVED IN DISPERSAL. INTERVIEWS EXPECTED TO AMOUNT TO THIRTY TO FORTY OFFICERS OF THE DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

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PHOTOGRAPHS, NEWS MEDIA AND FBI, BEING REPRODUCED IN SETS FOR INVESTIGATING TEAMS OF AGENTS TO BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES IN CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WITH VICTIMS, WITNESSES, POTENTIAL WITNESSES, AND POTENTIAL SUBJECTS.



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THIS REPRODUCTION PROCEEDING EXPEDITIOUSLY, HOWEVER, MAY  
INVOLVE OVER ONE HUNDRED PHOTOS PER AGENT TEAM.

CASE RECEIVING CONTINUOUS INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION.

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10:55AMCST URGENT MFH 3-15-65

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SELMA (44-NEW)

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UNSUBS; UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES, AND  
POSSE MEMBERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA. SO INVOLVED IN TEAR GASSING  
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REREPORT OF SA ROBERT L. FRYE, MARCH ELEVEN LAST AT  
MOBILE ENTITLED REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.,  
VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR, EL.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, MOBILE IS OPENING A  
SEPERATE FILE ON THIS CASE UNDER ABOVE CAPTION AND REREPORT  
WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW FILE UNDER ABOVE CAPTION.

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ING RECIPIENTS OF THE REPORT THE REASON FOR CHANGING OF THE  
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THE ABOVE PROCEDURE IN HANDLING COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE  
INCIDENT OF MARCH SEVEN LAST SET FORTH IN THE CAPTION. HOWEVER,  
MOBILE WILL CONTINUE TO HANDLE THE RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
RELATED INFORMATION PERTAINING THERETO IN MOBILE FILE FORTY-  
FOUR DASH FIVE FIVE SEVEN, CAPTIONED REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,  
DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., VOTING DISCRIMINATION, CR, EL.

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*cc-Mr. Hines*

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TO INSPECTOR SULLIVAN, SELMA, ALABAMA

1 - Mr. Hines

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

*March on Selma Alabama*

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA. VOTING

DISCRIMINATION. CR. EL.

*3-7-65*

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DO NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPT OF ANY TESTIMONY IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE FRANK JOHNSON IN MONTGOMERY RELATING TO THIS MATTER. THIS CONFIRMS BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED EARLIER THIS DATE.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

NOTE: This concerns the action before the U. S. District Court, Montgomery, seeking to enjoin Governor Wallace, Al Lingo, head of the Alabama Highway Safety Patrol, Sheriff James Clark and others from interfering with voting demonstrations and particularly the demonstrators marching from Selma to Montgomery. SA James M. Barko on 3/12/65 furnished opinion that use of tear gas was justified. Inspector Sullivan and Agents were endeavoring to obtain transcript of the testimony. They had been advised that the complete transcript would not be available until the completion of the hearing but that testimony of SA Barko could be released on evening of 3/13/65. Director has instructed that no further efforts should be made to obtain this transcript. Sullivan was so advised today and stated he had already obtained the transcript of SA Barko's

testimony. Sullivan indicated he desired transcript of testimony of Major Cloud of the Alabama Highway Safety Patrol who is to testify today. Sullivan was advised that he should not seek the transcript but if he desired to know what testimony was offered that such could be obtained from John Doar or Departmental attorneys handling the case or an Agent could be placed in the courtroom as an observer but we should not be pushing the Judge or any court officials to get a copy of the transcript.

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TO INSPECTOR SULLIVAN, SELMA, ALABAMA

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA. VOTING  
DISCRIMINATION. CR. EL.

DO NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPT OF  
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FBI SELMA

9:41 a.m.

March 12, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. BELMONT

MR. DE LOACH

MR. GALE

MR. ROSEN

MR. SULLIVAN

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MARCH - SELMA, ALABAMA 3-7-65

Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach called and stated he got us all committed to bring some prosecutions. I told him I heard it on the radio last night. He indicated he was trying to calm things down.

He stated my people have done a great job down there and he thought they must have been working twenty-six hours a day. I said I knew they had been working around the clock.

I reminded the Attorney General that I had told him the other day there was great difficulty in identifying individuals because they were wearing gas masks. He agreed and said he thinks sheriff's deputies present better prospects because of Clark's feeling and because they are mostly red necks, rather than Lingo's troopers whom we are going to have to depend on more from now on. REC-11

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The Attorney General advised that he is trying his best to keep troops out of there and wondered whether an operation like we ran in Neshoba County, with a special detail and a fellow like Sullivan to get around some of these Klan members, is possible. I told him that has already been in preparation - this thing broke so suddenly last Sunday; that I ordered in additional agents and I have already sent in the Inspector who was in charge of the Neshoba County operations, in charge of the location of the bodies and the arrest of the Ku Kluxers in Mississippi. He said, as usual, I was way ahead of him. I advised him the Inspector is on his way to Selma now and will be in charge.

I explained the trouble we have had in Alabama, which we did not have with the Mississippi Highway Patrol, is the Governor a long time ago agreed and Lingo has refused us the opportunity to interview any state troopers and we can't talk to any of them. I stated there

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the Grand Jury. I further stated I was greatly impressed yesterday by his (Lingo's) complete absence from the area and I would imagine he won't be there.

I told the Attorney General that today I am afraid he is going to have crowds down here to see him, the ministers who have gathered here. He advised that he was going right over to the White House, that he was always glad to see them, and that the President is going to meet them.

I pointed out in this crowd today, like down at the White House yesterday, two are communists; that you have still infiltration now of communists. I said in this matter of laws going through there it is almost impossible to screen them.

I mentioned the action of the Federal Judge in Los Angeles and the Attorney General stated he wants to keep us (do we) charges on them for the moment; that we have enough evidence to justify that; and when this cools off, go in and disprove. He said they will probably ask for a little more investigation on that for the purpose of cooling them off. He said he thinks if we just cool the judges and keep our hands, we will be all right.

I mentioned the interstate theft case which the judge dismissed because he claimed the jury couldn't get back from the jury room and he couldn't wait. The Attorney General said it was for no reason at all and indicated he had taken action to correct the situation in that area. I remarked there ought to be a school to train some of these Federal Judges but I didn't know who would teach them. The Attorney General suggested they would get me to teach them and I replied that I wouldn't want to take on the job.

I stated I would pass on the order to intensify our efforts of getting on the Klan - that this was well begun in Alabama but had not been developed as far as in Mississippi. I advised that sixteen agents went in last night and we already had twenty in there, which brings us up to thirty-six; that we were bringing in additional stenographers; that we had installed a teletype line directly from Selma to the office here; and that I have ordered Sullivan to go there. I stated Sullivan is finished insofar as the case in Mississippi is concerned and was ordered to proceed to Birmingham in connection with the murder of the four little girls; that I told him to cancel that and proceed directly to Selma and report back to me. The Attorney General stated Sullivan is an excellent man and I agreed.



Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont,  
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I advised the Attorney General that the judge and prosecuting attorney - circuit prosecutor - are both red necks at Selma but the chief of police is all right; that we are going to have a bad time in state court because both of these fellows have been involved in cases in the past of civil rights matters and have ruled for the Klan crowd and against law enforcement authorities.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

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Director

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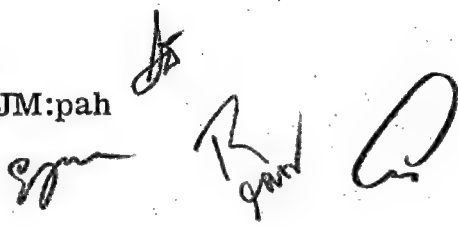
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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

Attached is a supplemental request from the Department for investigation of the violence which occurred at Selma, Alabama, on 3/7/65 in which marchers were clubbed and tear gassed by Alabama State Troopers and Dallas County Sheriff's Posse. Some of the information in the supplemental request has been covered in the investigation already conducted. The report is being reviewed and will be forwarded to the Department this morning.

Additional requested investigation is being ordered.

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## Memorandum

DEPARTMENT

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : <sup>2D</sup> John Doar, Acting  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Protest Demonstrations re  
Registrars of Voters, 3/7/65.  
Unknown Subjects;  
Unknown Victims, Selma, Alabama  
SUMMARY PUNISHMENT; CIVIL RIGHTS

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MARCH -

I have a copy of your memorandum of March 11 summarizing the results of your investigation of the violence which occurred at Selma, Alabama, on March 7, 1965. Before your investigation is completed we desire that it cover the following points:

1. Obtain copies of all photographs, motion picture films and sound tapes of events relating to the abortive march of March 7.
2. Interview all marchers who were at or near the head of the line of demonstrators at the time of the confrontation with the State Troopers south of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.
3. Interview other eyewitnesses to the events south of the bridge.
4. Identify and interview, if they will consent to be interviewed, all law enforcement officers involved in the incident.
5. Determine the identities of officers who struck or exerted any other direct force upon any of the marchers. Where identification is made indicate the identity of the officers in each of the photographs.
6. Obtain full details regarding conduct of the marchers from the time of leaving Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church to the time they were

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dispersed. In particular, determine whether they obstructed traffic or walked in the traffic lanes of any street or highway.

7. Interview store proprietors, employees and other possible witnesses in the area south of the bridge.
8. Determine what publicity there had been in Selma regarding the proposed march and the purpose of the marchers. Also determine what publicity in this regard may have come to the attention of Colonel Lingo, Sheriff Clark, and the men under their command on March 7.
9. Prepare a diagram or diagrams showing the route of the march and the significant details in the area where the marchers were dispersed.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 3/17/65

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,  
Dallas County, Alabama  
Voting Discrimination;  
Civil Rights; Election Laws

*March - Selma, Ala 3/17/65 -*

I talked to Inspector Sullivan at Selma at 11 am. today as to the progress of our investigations in Alabama regarding

- (1) the assault of the marchers on Sunday, 3/7, in Selma;
- (2) the assault on the three ministers in Selma; and
- (3) the assault on the demonstrators in Montgomery on 3/16/65.

Sullivan said they are making good progress and if the demonstrations will slow down they can make still better progress. He said that he has taken the bull by the horns and went to see Colonel Lingo, head of the Alabama State Patrol, and pointed out to him that our investigation requires us to talk to Lingo's troopers and it is better all around if the facts come out in the open. Lingo agreed, and consequently agents will interview some 50 state troopers. Sullivan is going to make the same frontal approach to Sheriff Clarke in Selma, and to the Sheriff in Montgomery.

I told Sullivan time is of the essence as we do not want to be charged with any delay in these investigations, and I asked him if he needed more agents to help to complete the necessary interviews as promptly as possible. He said he could use 10 more agents and two more stenos in the necessary interviews; that he would only be using them for perhaps a week and then could send them back. I told him that in view of the urgent need to complete these investigations, these agents and stenos would be sent in today. I have talked to Mr. Mohr, who is arranging this.

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To: SAC, Mobile

From: Director, FBI

PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS RE  
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, 3/7/65  
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SUMMARY PUNISHMENT; CIVIL RIGHTS

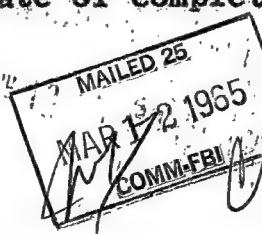
Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum dated 3/11/65 requesting that our investigation in this matter specifically include certain listed items. Immediately review investigation conducted to date and compare against Department's request and promptly initiate and complete any investigation not yet covered.

Item 9 listed in Department's memorandum requests that we prepare a diagram or diagrams showing the route of march and significant details in the area where the marchers were dispersed. In the event you do not have personnel in your office equipped to handle preparation of the diagram and cannot reasonably furnish sufficient detailed and accurate information so it can be done at the Bureau, you should consider submitting recommendation to have personnel of Exhibits Section come to Selma, make the necessary survey and prepare the diagrams.

This investigation must be conducted on the most expeditious basis and completed at the earliest possible date. Leads to other offices must be set out by teletype. Submit daily summary of investigation to the Bureau and advise expected date of completion and when report will be submitted.

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RE: PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS

As you have previously been advised your investigation is not to be limited merely to what the Department has requested, but must be thorough and complete encompassing all necessary aspects to develop all evidence necessary for prosecution.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Photographs of victims of the incident in Selma, Ala., on Sunday, 3/7/65, have been obtained in black and white and in color. They will be transmitted to the Bureau by separate communication.

All persons interviewed herein were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Acting Assistant Attorney General JOHN DOAR, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

No specific leads are being set forth in this report as this case is being given continuous investigative attention and coordinated with Departmental Attorneys at Selma, Ala.

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Information copies are being designated for Atlanta and Birmingham as investigation in this voter registration movement may possibly expand to those offices.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Mobile, Alabama  
1 - Departmental Attorney, Selma, Alabama

Report of: SA ROBERT L. FRYE  
Date: March 11, 1965

Office: MOBILE

Field Office File No.: 44-557

Bureau File No.: 44-12831

Title: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
ALABAMA, VOTING DISCRIMINATION

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: At 2:18 p.m., 3/7/65, 625 marchers, mostly Negro, departed the Brown's Chapel AME Church, 410 Sylvan St., Selma, Ala., for a pre-arranged march to Montgomery, Ala. Marchers walked south on Sylvan St. to Alabama St., west to Broad St. and south on Broad St. to Edmund Pettus Bridge, which is on U. S. Highway 80 East. Marchers walked in columns of two's across left side of Pettus Bridge to a point approximately 250 yards from the foot of the bridge on U. S. Highway 80 East, just outside city limits of Selma but within police jurisdiction, where they were confronted by Alabama State Troopers under direct command of Major JOHN CLOUD, Chief of Uniform Division, Department of Public Safety. Major CLOUD stopped marchers with the announcement on loud speaker that they would not be allowed to continue. The leader of the march, HOSEA WILLIAMS, requested audience with CLOUD, which was denied. Troopers advanced on the lead group and physically shoved the marchers back a distance of about 30 to 40 yards, leaving four or five Negroes sprawled on the road. The Negroes then sat and huddled on the edge of the road; thereupon, the troopers again advanced, tear gassed Negroes, and moved in again with force to disperse the Negroes. Some troopers were seen striking Negroes with clubs, and the Dallas County Sheriff's Posse members, some mounted on horses and some on foot, entered the action and were seen to strike Negroes. Negroes then dispersed in wild confusion with the majority running back toward the bridge while being chased by members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. The Negroes returned to Brown's Chapel AME Church and some 58 persons were treated at two Negro hospitals in Selma. All victims reportedly seriously injured were interviewed, witnesses interviewed, and medical records checked.

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DETAILS:

OBSERVATIONS BY BUREAU AGENTS



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Date March 11, 1965

At 2:18 p.m., Special Agent JOSEPH M. CONLEY observed from in front of the parsonage to Browns Chapel AME Church, Sylvan Street, a total of approximately 625 marchers, the majority of whom were Negroes, depart the vicinity of Browns Chapel in groups of five or six. The group, according to Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was to proceed to the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Highway 80, Selma, from where they were to march to Montgomery, Alabama. At approximately 2:45 p.m., the last of the marchers left the vicinity of Browns Chapel. At this time, Special Agent CONLEY proceeded to the Edmund Pettus Bridge arriving at approximately 3:00 p.m.

From an observation point one half of the way down the east side of the bridge the marchers were observed to be in a double line which extended east from the bridge, a distance of approximately 500 yards on the north or left side of Highway 80. A short time after arriving at the bridge, one cannister of tear gas was observed thrown into the area at the head of the column of marchers. This single cannister appeared to have little if any effect, and about one minute later approximately 20 cannisters of tear gas were ignited. This quantity of tear gas immediately dispersed the marchers. They appeared to scatter in three directions; north behind a line of commercial buildings, south into a field across Highway 80, and west back across the bridge. While they were retreating, the marchers were pursued by a number of Dallas County Alabama mounted Posse members and Alabama State Troopers. The Troopers appeared to confine their activities to the immediate vicinity of the highway, and were estimated to be approximately 100 in number. The mounted Posse, later determined to total 15, operated both on the highway and in the field adjacent to the south. Considering the distance at which the observations were made (700 to 1000 yards), only general activity could be observed, with no conversation able to be overheard.

It appeared the purpose of the Alabama State Troopers and the mounted Posse was to return the marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. In accomplishing their goal, numerous Troopers and mounted Posse members were observed using the

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nightstick (billy club) to induce the marchers to return to the bridge, or once over or on the bridge, to move at a faster pace. Several of the mounted Posse were observed giving chase, at a full gallop, to marchers who had fled to the fields after they were dispersed by the tear gas. Numerous marchers were struck with the nightsticks when ordered to comply with instructions from the Troopers and/or Posse. From observation, it appeared the nightsticks were used by most of the Troopers and Posse as a matter of first recourse, and in general were used indiscriminately.

When it appeared that most of the marchers were in retreat across the bridge, the mounted Posse accompanied the marchers and continued to use the nightsticks in a prodding and striking manner. One member of the Posse was observed to direct his horse onto the section of the bridge reserved for pedestrians, and with the horse and nightstick, cause some of the marchers to move at a faster pace. One of the Posse members on the bridge was heard to say, "Get that black bastard," directing this statement into the marchers. Once across the bridge, the marchers passed from vision, rendering further observation impossible.

From observation, the mounted Posse was composed of two full time Sheriff's Deputies, and 13 Posse members. The two Deputies were Captain GEORGE STOVES, apparently first in command, and BERRY MIDDLEBROOKS. The 13 Posse members on horseback were not identifiable through observation.

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Date March 11, 1965

At about 1:00 p.m. on March 7, 1965, there were about 40 State Trooper cars, three Deputy Sheriff's cars, several unmarked police cars observed on both sides of Highway 80 East, between the river bridge and Old Montgomery Road. Also observed in the area were Colonel AL LINGO and Sheriff JAMES CLARK. Prior to the confrontation of the marchers and the Troopers, the Troopers were observed to get gas masks and gas grenades and the Sheriff's Posse was observed, a group on both sides of the highway, with about eight mounted men in each group.

In addition to the officers, several hundred white people were in the area, parked in cars, and milling around the Glass House Restaurant, Chick-N-Treat Drive-In, and Kay's Gasoline Station. Prior to the confrontation, officers stopped traffic going over the bridge. As the Negroes approached the area in front of Lehman Pontiac Company, where the newsmen had been told to stay, they were ordered to stop by Major CLOUD of the Alabama State Troopers. There were about 20 State Troopers lined up across the west traffic lane. Major CLOUD advised the Negroes they were in an unlawful assembly, and that they were not being allowed to march on the highway, as it was not safe. He ordered them to disperse, go home or back to the church. He gave them two minutes to disperse. During the wait, he said that he had nothing else to say.

About a minute later, the officers (Alabama State Troopers), started toward the front of the Negro line. They were observed to start pushing the line back, and the speed picked up momentum as the Negroes were pushed back. Three or four Negroes were observed on the ground as the mass moved back toward the bridge. Troopers were also observed on the ground where the Negroes fell, but they got up and joined the men pushing the line back.

After the line had been pushed back about 30 to 40 yards, the Troopers retreated and a tear gas grenade was dropped near the Negroes grouped at the head of the line. A stiff wind blew it away immediately and the Negroes were observed grouped together, most kneeling with their faces down between their knees

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and arms around their heads. The Troopers had put on gas masks, and a few then went along the line where all the Negroes were now sitting down, or kneeling as above. Gas grenades were dropped along the line, and this was repeated as the grenades burned out. As the Negroes were attempting to leave the tear gas area, they were herded towards the bridge. Some were observed running through the tear gas haze, with Troopers chasing them. Troopers were observed to raise their clubs and strike, but the blows were directed at objects out of vision, behind cars, or behind other persons or objects.

The mounted Posse was observed chasing the Negroes across the river bridge, swinging their clubs. Some of these were observed to land on the head and upper body area of the Negroes. None of the Negroes were observed to fall during this period, and it was too far away to make any identification of the officers or Negroes.

Of those who fell to the ground during the first push, all were observed to get up and leave the area unaided, except for one Negro woman who was helped away. No injuries were observed, but they seemed to be concerned with their knees and arms. Before the Negro woman was helped away by other Negroes, a State Trooper Sergeant was observed to walk up to her and appeared to say something to her. He then dropped a tear gas grenade beside her, and walked off.

While the Negroes were dispersing after being gassed, some of the mounted Posse men were observed riding around the area behind the Chick-N-Treat, and it seemed that they were chasing someone, but no Negro was observed. A few white civilians were also seen running in that area, as if chasing someone. It was not observed what was being chased here, and one mounted Posse man was observed ordering the civilians out of that area.

During the dispersal by the Troopers and Deputy Sheriffs, the white civilians were heard cheering the police on.



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Date March 11, 1965

On March 7, 1965, at approximately 2:00 p.m., SA PAUL R. KEISER observed a large group of Negroes marching from Browns Chapel AME Church, Selma, Alabama, on what was advertised as a march to Montgomery, Alabama.

As the group of marchers moved away from the Chapel, he moved to a better vantage point with SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY, which vantage point was on the south side of Pettus Bridge. At this point, a large group of Alabama State Troopers, Sheriff's Deputies, Posse members, and a group of white onlookers, were awaiting the arrival of the marchers. As the Negro marchers appeared over the crest of the bridge, the Troopers put gas masks on and formed a line across Highway 80. The marchers approached the line of Troopers and were stopped by a Trooper with a portable loud speaker. They were told that they could not proceed with the march, as it would be detrimental to public safety. They were given two minutes to disperse and return to the church. The line of marchers stood where they were, stopped and did not move. The Troopers were then ordered to advance upon the line and disperse them. As the Troopers reached the line, SA KEISER observed them using their nightsticks in a pushing fashion to move the crowd back. After a short time, the Negroes began to sit down and huddle together, and the Troopers then began to use the sticks to hit and beat those who would not move. At this point, several Troopers moved up along the line of marchers and released tear gas grenades by igniting the cannisters, and rolling them towards the line. Many Negroes began to run in an attempt to escape the gas. Troopers, Sheriff's Deputies, and mounted Posse members began to chase those who left the line and attempted to move them back to the bridge. KEISER observed many of the Negroes hit with nightsticks during this chase. The crowd of bystanders continued to cheer and yell loudly each time a Negro was clubbed. As the gas began to clear from the area, he observed several Negroes on the ground in a prone position, along with baggage, sleeping gas, etc., strung along the line of march.

The Negroes began to move back across the bridge with the mounted Posse at the rear of the line, moving them on.

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KEISER observed several of the mounted Posse swing their sticks /  
at those in the rear of the line, and this continued until he  
saw the group disappear over the bridge.

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On March 7, 1965, SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY observed a group of approximately 600 Negroes coming over the Pettus Bridge. They were marching in an easterly direction on the north side of the highway, and were stopped by a group of approximately 70 members of the Alabama State Troopers in front of the Lehman Pontiac Company, several hundred yards after leaving the bridge.

He heard Major JOHN CLOUD of the Alabama State Troopers introduce himself to the assembled Negroes, and tell them they constituted an unlawful assembly. He also told them he would not allow them to continue marching on the highway, since it was dangerous both to themselves and to the public, using the highway. He said he would give them two minutes to disperse.

At approximately 2:25 p.m., after the Negro marchers did not disperse, Major CLOUD called for his Troopers to disperse the marchers. A group of State Trooper Officers moved into the head of the marchers, pushing and poking them with clubs, and succeeded in moving the group 50 or 100 yards back towards the bridge.

The Officers were then ordered to regroup which they did. They then set off tear gas or smoke cannisters along the side of the road near the marchers, and the wind blew this smoke into the assembled group.

The Troopers, who were wearing gas masks, were in and about the group and appeared to be swinging their clubs at the marchers although it was difficult to see exactly what was happening because of the density of the smoke.

A small group of marchers broke from the main group, crossed the highway, and appeared to be running across an open field. A minute or so later, a group of approximately eight mounted members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Posse, rode their horses towards and into the field and out of SA KENNEDY's view.

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SA KENNEDY continued to observe the main group of marchers, who were being slowly moved back towards the Pettus Bridge. When they reached the bridge, members of the Sheriff's Posse escorted them over the bridge, and they disappeared from view.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., SA KENNEDY was in the vicinity of the Browns Chapel AME Church, and this area was in control of the Alabama State Troopers and the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. These individuals moved the few Negroes in the area off the street and sidewalks, and shortly thereafter, all law enforcement people left this area, including members of the Selma Police Department, which had been directing traffic.



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CARL E. BEASON, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, made the following observations of the confrontation of a group of approximately 600 marching Negroes with members of the Alabama State Troopers and the Dallas County, Alabama Sheriff's Office Posse on U. S. Highway 80.

At approximately 2:40 p.m., SA BEASON was standing along the west side of Highway 80, approximately one half mile from the south end of Edmund Pettus Bridge. (It is noted Highway 80 is an East-West route, but proceeds through Selma and across Pettus Bridge in a North-South direction.) At a point approximately 100 feet from my position, he observed a group of about 25 Alabama State Troopers standing across the east lanes of the highway in a position to halt the line of Negro marchers. When the lead group of Negroes approached the point where the State Troopers were massed, they, the marchers, were ordered to halt by a Trooper using a loud speaker, and who was identified to BEASON as Major CLOUD, the head of the uniformed members of the Alabama State Troopers.

Major CLOUD told the Negroes they were forbidden to march, that their presence on the highway was a safety hazard to themselves and to motorists, and told them to disperse and return to their homes or church, giving them two minutes to do so.

After about one minute, he observed approximately 25 State Troopers move into the front group of marchers, and with their nightsticks, push the Negroes backwards about 100 feet. At this point, Major CLOUD ordered the State Troopers to regroup.

SA BEASON observed at least four Negroes laying along the side of the highway. He did not observe whether they were struck, or if they were injured, as the mass of Negroes were forced backwards. He was unable to determine the extent of injuries to these Negroes, or if they were injured.

Following the regrouping by the State Troopers, SA BEASON observed the Negroes kneel and huddle together, and as they ~~did this, tear gas was set off along the line of marchers, which~~

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extended for approximately 100 yards.

The State Troopers wore gas masks, and when the tear gas was set off, they again charged into the Negroes, viciously swinging their nightsticks and beating the marchers.

Several hundred Negroes scattered as a result of the tear gas, and as they ran, SA BEASON observed members of the Dallas County, Alabama Posse pursuing the Negroes on horseback, and striking the Negroes with what appeared to be nightsticks. He observed one Negro girl who appeared to be about 14 years old, break from the main group of Negroes and run across the highway. A Posse member saw the girl and gave chase on his horse, and SA BEASON saw him swing at the girl several times with his nightstick.

The Negroes were herded together and forced to retreat over Pettus Bridge and into Selma. Several injured Negroes were being assisted by other marchers. As the Negroes were returning over the bridge, SA BEASON could see mounted Posse members riding into the Negroes, swinging their nightsticks. The Negroes disappeared from SA BEASON's view, when they were half-way across Pettus Bridge.

The scene of confrontation was strewn with bedrolls and other personal items which the marchers had been carrying.

Individual identification of police officers involved in separate incidents was not possible, in view of their wearing gas masks, helmets, and same dress.

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At about 2:30 p.m., March 7, 1965, while on Highway 80 at the outskirts of Selma, Alabama, SA JOHN F. McGIVNEY noticed approximately 600 Negroes march across the Alabama River bridge in the direction of Montgomery, Alabama. The Negroes were walking in orderly fashion, three to four abreast. About 500 yards from the bridge, the Negroes were met by about 50 Alabama State Troopers, all of whom were armed with clubs, gas grenades and gas masks. In addition, there were approximately 12 men mounted on horseback. These mounted men were members of the Dallas County Posse.

When confronted with the State Troopers, the Negroes stopped marching and were advised by a State Trooper over a loud speaker that their proposed march to Montgomery was illegal, was not being permitted, and they had two minutes to return to Selma and disperse. The Negroes remained motionless. After two minutes had elapsed, State Troopers were ordered over the loud speaker to disperse the crowd. Approximately 30 Troopers advanced to the head of the column of marchers and began pushing and beating the Negro marchers. Prior to advancing on the marchers, the Troopers had all put on gas masks.

The Negroes moved back about 100 yards and were observed to kneel down. At this time, State Troopers moved to the flank of the column of marchers and discharged numerous tear gas and smoke grenades. The center of the line of marchers was engulfed in gas fumes. State Troopers were observed beating marchers with clubs. Some of the Negroes broke and ran across an open field. Mounted Posse men were observed chasing these Negroes. Buildings in the area prevented further observation of this particular incident.

At this time, the Negroes in the line of march were observed running across the bridge. About four Negroes were observed prostrate on the ground, motionless. Troopers were observed placing tear gas grenades next to these persons in an effort to get them to move. All got up or were assisted in getting up by other Negroes, and all left the area.

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On March 7, 1965, SA COLMAN C. KEANE observed a racial demonstration and march at Selma, Alabama. He observed a group of about 1000 Negroes in the vicinity of Browns Chapel AME Church at approximately 1:00 p.m., and then he moved to a position in front of Henderson Implement Company on Highway 80 East, so that he could observe the Highway.

At approximately 2:10 p.m., he observed a double line of Negro marchers moving east on Highway 80 East across the Pettus Bridge. This group of marchers numbering approximately 500 persons, was stopped by Alabama State Troopers in front of Lehman Pontiac on Highway 80 East, and advised they could proceed no further, and that they were to disperse and go home. The Negroes did not move. The State Troopers were ordered to move forward and disperse them. A group of about 20 Troopers moved towards the marchers and began beating with clubs in an effort to disperse the marchers.

The marchers then began to kneel and sit in the roadway, and the State Troopers regrouped and began to toss tear gas grenades at the marchers. This action caused the marchers to disperse and begin to return to the city of Selma via the Pettus Bridge. At this point, the "Water Posse" of Dallas County, Alabama, some walking and some riding horses, began to herd the marchers across the bridge. The marchers with the exception of several injured members, proceeded westerly in an orderly manner, and at a quick pace, across Pettus Bridge on Highway 80 East. At this point the Negroes and Posse members on horseback went out of the sight of the observing Agent.

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SA JOHN H. LUPTON observed preparations for a march by Negroes from Brown's AME Chapel, a Negro church located on Sylvan Avenue near Selma Street, from a vantage point across the street from the church. At approximately 1:45 PM, the march commenced with between 600 and 625 Negroes, males and females, ages ranging from 15 years to 50 years, walking in pairs, from Browns Chapel, South on Sylvan Street to Alabama Avenue, west on Alabama Avenue to Broad Street and then South on Broad and across the Alabama River bridge. All was orderly.

At approximately 3:15 PM, some of the marchers appeared at the bridge, traveling northward toward Selma. As they approached Water Street, the city police directed them to turn east on Water Street, directly at the north end of the bridge. All was orderly.

As the main body of marchers appeared, on their return trip, men mounted on horseback were observed riding into the marchers and hitting them with clubs and whips. These horsemen herded the marchers against the buildings at the corner of Broad and Water Streets, knocking them down and forcing them to run, scattering their belongings behind. Some of the marchers were being helped to walk by others, but none were seen being carried.

While the mounted men, fifteen in number, were herding the marchers, a band of yellow helmeted possemen of Sheriff JAMES CLARK were held in a group by city police on the southwest corner of Water and Broad Streets at the north end of the bridge, and they did not enter into the activity.

All of the horsemen were dressed in similar attire consisting of helmets, khaki jackets and trousers, and boots and they cannot be identified individually as taking part in any particular action.

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On March 7, 1965, about 2:45 PM, Special Agent RAYMOND F. DELANEY observed a large group of Negro marchers walking two abreast from Browns AME Chapel across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and near the first traffic light on Highway 80; the group was given two minutes to disperse by Major CLOUD, Alabama Highway Patrol. The marchers led by HOSEA WILLIAMS and JOHN LEWIS failed to leave the scene within two minutes and Alabama State Troopers, after putting their gas masks on, approached the group shoving and pushing the Negroes back. A few of the marchers fell down by the roadside apparently injured, while a group of about 30 kneeling Negroes huddled together. After attempting to disperse this group with tear gas, approximately 25 State Troopers waded into the huddle, punching, shoving and using their night sticks. The marchers were continuously clubbed by various unidentified troopers.

About 15 posse members on horseback, who had been stationed on the side of the road, appeared and chased the Negroes back over the bridge, using their night sticks on those who strayed from the group. Some of the mounted posse scattered behind the restaurants on the west side of Highway 80, trying to run down those marchers who fled the group.

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On March 7, 1965, about 2:15 PM, approximately 600 Negroes were observed by SA JOHN J. SWEENEY to leave Browns AME Chapel, Selma, Alabama, to begin a march to Montgomery, Alabama. The group was led by HOSEA WILLIAMS and JOHN LEWIS. This group walked in pairs up Sylvan Street across Selma Avenue to Alabama Avenue, turned right on Alabama Avenue and continued to Broad Street, at Broad Street, the group turned left and started over the Pettus Bridge.

At approximately 2:45 PM, the leaders of the march came off the bridge. There were about 75 or 80 Alabama Highway Patrolmen lined up across the highway. There were also about 13 or 14 Dallas County Deputies and Posse members on horses on the side of the patrolmen. One of the State Officers told the group of Negroes to halt; that the march was illegal, and he ordered the Negroes to return to their homes or church. This officer told the Negroes that they had 2 minutes in which to turn around or the officers would disperse them forcibly. It was also noted that all of the officers were wearing gas masks.

Within one minute of his order, the state officer told the troopers to move forward towards the crowd. Approximately 30 or 40 state troopers in very close formation moved into the leaders of the crowd and began pushing the Negroes with their clubs. They pushed the leaders of the group back approximately 20 yards and withdrew. Several Negroes were lying on the ground. SA SWEENEY could not say that he observed anybody being hit by the troopers with their sticks as he was very busy taking pictures.

He did not hear anyone give an order, but the troopers, about 75 or 80 of them, then approached the Negroes again and began throwing tear gas at them. SA SWEENEY heard a very loud report and immediately he thought that one of the officers had fired his gun, but it could possibly have been one of the tear gas bombs that exploded. At this point, he noticed that many of the Negroes were kneeling on the ground and several of the Negroes at the

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end of the line were running across the Pettus Bridge back towards Selma. The police were running up and down the line of Negroes throwing gas at them.

At about this point, SA SWEENEY noticed about ten or twelve Dallas County Deputies or Posse members chasing about 10 or 20 Negroes through a field. SA SWEENEY does not know if these Negroes were part of the march or not. He was taking pictures constantly and at this point, he returned to his car and began loading his camera with film.

As he finished reloading the camera, he noticed that the Negroes were walking and running across the Pettus Bridge. There were several members of the Dallas County Posse on horses following the last of the group. These men were prodding the Negroes along with their clubs. As SA SWEENEY neared the group, one of the posse members got his horse on the sidewalk behind the last of the Negroes and was forcing them along by pushing them with the horse's head.

Another posse member was riding along beside the Negroes and every four or five yards, he would swing his club into the crowd of Negroes. This group came off the bridge and turned right on Water Street. The posse followed them down the street for a short distance, less than a block, and then returned to Broad Street.

At this point, the Dallas County Sheriff's Office made a radio broadcast that Negroes at Browns Chapel were throwing rocks and bottles at officers. He proceeded to Browns Chapel and noted there were 800 or 900 Negroes milling around the church. There were about 30 or 40 deputies lined up on Sylvan Street near Selma Avenue. There were also 10 to 15 deputies or possemen on horses.

There was no one throwing anything when SA SWEENEY arrived, however, the street in front of Browns Chapel was littered with rocks and broken glass.

There were also several hundred white people standing around and they cheered wildly when the troopers charged the Negroes and began throwing gas at them. Another group of about 40 white people were at the west end of the bridge and also cheered constantly whenever a posse member swung his club at the Negroes.



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At approximately 2:20 p.m. I was flying over the vicinity of Brown's Chapel, Selma, Alabama. I was in a light plane, with the window removed for the purposes of taking photographs. The plane flew at a height of 1,000 feet over the town of Selma, and from this height I made the following observations and photographs. I observed and photographed a line of people that appeared to be Negroes as they left Brown's Chapel. This line went along Sylvan Street towards Alabama Avenue. The line turned right on Alabama Avenue and continued until it reached Broad Street. The line then turned left on Broad Street and went east over Edmund Pettus Bridge. At this point, as the line left the city, the plane was able to descend to around 500 feet for the following observations and photographs:

I would estimate that several hundred people took part in the march. During the time the marchers were going through Selma, Alabama State Troopers had formed a solid line of men across the west bound lane of Highway 80. The Negroes crossed over the bridge, headed east in the west bound lane, and were stopped by the Alabama State Troopers at approximately 3:00 p.m. It appeared that the marchers were given some sort of an order for there was a moment's delay in the activity. The Troopers then stated what appeared to be forcing the Negroes back towards Selma, Alabama. The Negroes went back, possibly 50 yards, and then sat down by the side of the highway. The Troopers were then observed and photographed as they appeared to set off several tear gas bombs so that the wind blew the gas towards the line of seated Negroes. At this point the Negroes dispersed and what appeared to be mounted Dallas County posse men started chasing Negroes with what appeared to be night sticks. The many colors of the helmets, brown shirts, and brown pants were the

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distinguishing factors in the identification of the posse men. The blue helmets, uniforms and gray cars were the identifying factors for the identification of the Alabama State Troopers.

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On March 7, 1965, the following observations were made in the area of Lehman Pontiac Motor Company and Glass House Restaurant, Highway 80, East, Selma, Alabama:

At about 3:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, a group of approximately 625 Negroes came walking over Pettus Bridge and proceeded to a point on the side of the road near the corner of Lehman Pontiac Bridge which corner is nearest to the Alabama River. This group was lead by HOSEA WILLIAMS and JOHN ROBERT LEWIS, who are connected with Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, respectively. The Negroes were confronted by a line of Alabama State Troopers under the direct supervision of Major JOHN CLOUD, Chief of the Uniform Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety. CLOUD had a loudspeaker set up. The State Troopers were re-inforced by sheriff's deputies, sheriff's posse members and Dallas County mounted posse members. There were about ten to 15 posse members on foot with eight regular deputies and about 15 members of the Dallas County mounted posse on horseback. The regular deputies and posse members on foot appeared to be under the direct supervision of Chief Deputy Sheriff L. C. CROCKER and the Dallas County mounted posse appeared to be under the direct supervision of Assistant Chief Deputy GEORGE STOVES. A regular deputy, BARRY MIDDLEBROOKS, was also riding with the mounted posse. Also on the scene was the Director of the Department of Public Safety, AL LINGO, and Dallas County Sheriff, JAMES G. CLARK, JR.; however, the direct supervision of the activities of the officers appeared to be handed by the superior officers of the departments concerned, CLOUD, CROCKER and STOVES.

As the Negroes were confronted by the Alabama State Troopers, Major CLOUD was heard to advise

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the Negroes to disperse and return to their homes or to the church. HOSEA WILLIAMS, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Staff, was heard to say, "Can I speak with you a minute." CLOUD stated, "I will give you two minutes to disperse." Again WILLIAMS said, "May I speak with you a minute," and CLOUD said on the loudspeaker, "I have nothing more to say." This conversation took place while CLOUD was speaking over a loudspeaker behind his line of troopers and separated approximately 20 yards from the lead group of Negroes. After the conversation occurred between WILLIAMS and Major CLOUD, the line of troopers and the Negroes stood quietly for a short span of time confronting each other, then the line of troopers, wearing gas masks and carrying night sticks, moved toward the Negroes, converging on the lead group and shoving them back by physical force a distance of approximately 20 yards toward the bridge. This left five or six Negroes sprawled from the initial point of confrontation back toward the bridge for a distance of about 30 yards. They lay there silently, not moving, and it was observed that none were bleeding or appeared to be seriously injured and all but one, after a period of about five minutes got up and moved away from the area.

After the initial confrontation by the troopers and the pushing back of the Negroes, the Negroes then sat down, huddling together along the edge of Highway 80, East, in a continuous grouping stretching back to the bridge and partially up the bridge approach on one side. The troopers then assembled in a line to the south of the Negroes and threw tear gas canisters and smoke grenades on the Negroes right facing toward Montgomery, Alabama. The wind was moving directly into the Negroes and this carried the smoke and tear gas into the Negroes. They began dispersing, running back toward the bridge and in all directions around the area. A number of



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Negroes who were running in all directions were being chased by Dallas County mounted posse members. Negroes were observed being struck with night sticks as troopers moved in on the lead group; however, all were wearing gas masks and no individual trooper was recognized striking any particular Negro. As these troopers moved in on the line of Negroes the mounted posse entered into the activities with the line, and the Negroes started running toward Pettus Bridge leaving bed rolls, blankets, shoes and related personal articles strewn about the area. The mounted posse then chased the Negroes back across the bridge to Water Avenue and the area cleared on the side of the bridge by the Glass House.

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On March 7, 1965, I observed a line of Negro marchers approaching Alabama Avenue on Sylvan Street. The group which was led by HOSEA WILLIAMS and JOHN LEWIS turned onto Alabama Avenue walking toward Broad Street. The line, which consisted of approximately 500 marchers, walked two abreast and in a continuous stream. The group turned south on Broad Street and proceeded to walk over the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

At approximately 2:45 p.m., some twenty minutes after the march had begun, at Brown's Chapel, the marchers were confronted by waiting uniformed state troopers. The troopers, approximately 25 in number, were strung across Highway 80 in front of Lehman Pontiac Dealers. Major CLOUD, the Chief of the Alabama uniformed troopers, advised the marchers by loudspeaker that the march would not be permitted to continue. He stated that the marchers had two minutes to disperse and return to their homes or church.

HOSEA WILLIAMS requested that he be permitted to speak with the major. The major declared that he had nothing further to say. During this period the state troopers, who were positioned across Highway 80, put their gas masks on. Major CLOUD then directed the troopers to move the marchers back. The state troopers advanced and started hitting the stationary marchers with their night sticks. The marchers started to scream and fall under the blows of the troopers' clubs. The troopers continued to push and beat the Negroes until the head of the line was pushed back approximately 25 yards. The troopers were then directed to regroup and the attack was halted. A number of the injured Negroes were still on the ground where they had fallen. The remaining Negroes regrouped themselves and huddled in a kneeling position on the divider

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between Highway 80 and the service road. The troopers then moved toward the kneeling Negroes and began using their tear gas grenades. Once the gas reached the huddled Negroes they began to disperse. The troopers then moved in again and continued to belt the Negroes with their night clubs. During this second assault the troopers were joined by eight to ten members of the Dallas County Sheriff's posse. These posse members were hitting the Negroes who managed to evade the state troopers. At about this same time members of the Dallas County mounted posse moved into the immediate area and chased those Negroes who had gotten past the state troopers and the foot posse.

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At about 2:30 p.m. on March 7, 1965, a group of approximately 650 Negroes marched from Brown's AME Chapel, Selma, Alabama, with the announced intention of heading for Montgomery, Alabama. This group proceeded two-by-two in an orderly manner down Sylvan Street to Alabama Avenue, along Alabama to Broad Street and then down Broad Street toward the Edmund Pettus Bridge. At the intersection of Water and Broad Streets, where the bridge begins, a few policemen, possibly from the Selma Police Department, attempted to persuade the crowd to disperse. This attempt, however, was fruitless and the large group of Negro marchers who were carrying packages of clothing and camping equipment for an overnight hike crossed the bridge.

About 200 yards across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, on Highway 80 East, stood a row of Alabama State Troopers blocking the path of the Negro marchers. This row of troopers numbered around 40 but there were others at various intervals along Highway 80 between the bridge and the blocking line of men. The normal traffic had been sealed off and only law enforcement officers and newsmen were allowed to cross the bridge. All the turn-offs on the east side of the bridge were blocked by troopers and the troopers' cars. Fifty or more white people watched from the Chick-N-Treat and the Kayo Gas Station on the side of the road.

Shortly before 3:00 p.m. the leaders of the march, JOHN LEWIS and HOSEA WILLIAMS, approached the line of troopers. The line of marchers, still in pairs, extended all the way back to the middle of the bridge and possibly beyond that point. The trooper who was in command announced on a loudspeaker that the march could not and would not be allowed. He repeated this statement. One of the Negro leaders tried to explain something but was cut

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short with the answer, "There will be no discussion of this." The head trooper then announced he was giving the Negroes two minutes to voluntarily disperse, otherwise he would disperse them forcibly. When the Negroes did not move, a line of approximately twenty troopers armed with night sticks and wearing helmets and gas masks advanced on foot toward the front of the Negro line. The troopers began pushing back the first 30 or more marchers using both the ends and sides of their sticks. A number of the Negroes stumbled to the ground in the confusion that followed, some being pushed off balance by troopers and others accidentally by their fellow marchers. A few Negroes were struck on the shoulders and head when they did not get up from the ground. After the marchers had been pushed back about 20 yards the advancing troopers halted and returned to their original line. As they walked away from the Negroes they were applauded by the white people near the Chick-N-Treat and Kayo Gas Station. The Negroes then began to sit down along the side of the road as close as they could get to the road without actually being on it. They crowded themselves together as they sat down. Since the line was rather long it took a few minutes for the group to huddle together.

It was then that the entire line of troopers came at the Negroes. The troopers rolled gas grenades at the sitting Negroes and moved forward swinging and prodding with their clubs. At best fifteen of these gas grenades were used along the line of Negroes. The Negroes scattered in all directions but the majority ran toward the bridge. Many of them could not run fast enough and were struck on the head and back by the troopers. The crowd of whites across the road continued to applaud the troopers and jeer at the Negroes. In the rush and confusion many Negroes dropped or abandoned their overnight clothing and camping equipment. When most

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On March 7, 1965, at approximately 2:15 p.m. a group of marchers, primarily Negroes, were observed by SA DANIEL D. DOYLE marching south on Sylvan Street from the direction of Brown's Chapel AME Church. They walked in a double column, turning right on Alabama Avenue and left on Broad Street, and proceeded south on Highway 80 East over the Edmund Pettus Bridge, walking on the left side of the highway and the shoulder area.

The marchers were carrying sacks and camping supplies. No weapons were observed.

After crossing the bridge, the marchers were confronted by more than forty Alabama State Troopers, forming a line across Highway 80 East at a location near Lehman Pontiac Company. Troopers were armed with pistols, night sticks, and red tear gas canisters. They were wearing gas masks.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. the marchers were halted by a Trooper with a megaphone who advised them that the march was unlawful and would not be permitted to continue. He ordered them to return to the church or to disperse within two minutes.

When the marchers failed to move, the Trooper with the megaphone ordered the formation of Troopers to approach the marchers and to "see that they disperse." The Troopers began walking toward the marchers with night sticks held horizontally and, at a given command by someone, ran into the line of marchers swinging night sticks. Most of the Troopers indiscriminately struck marchers, without waiting for any acts of resistance. Both women and men were struck with night sticks.

After this initial charge, which lasted about two minutes, the Troopers withdrew and regrouped. At this point, the marchers were kneeling and huddling together for mutual protection, and were generally immobile. The Troopers then set off numerous tear gas canisters along the highway, and

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marchers at about the front two hundred feet of the line were engulfed in heavy gas fumes. Many of the marchers then began to disperse toward the east of the highway.

At this time the Troopers again charged into the crowd of marchers, striking with night sticks in the same manner as described above. Also, mounted members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office "Posse" began running down small groups and individuals who had fled from the general mass of the marchers. Posse members rode horses against individuals and, without dismounting, struck blows with night sticks. More than six mounted Posse men so pursued about ten Negro men who ran behind a service station located immediately north of the Glass House Restaurant.

At least two incidents were observed by SA DOYLE behind this service station in which six or more Caucasian males, not law enforcement officers, attacked and repeatedly struck individual Negroes who had become separated from the crowd. Many Posse men and several Troopers observed these beatings but took no action toward the assailants.

A group of ten or more mounted Posse members rode north over the Edmund Pettus Bridge and clubbed marchers who were in line on the bridge.

At this point, SA DOYLE attempted to photograph approximately six male Caucasians, not law enforcement officers, who had forced a Negro man to the ground and were striking him. One of the assailants was striking with a rubber hose or rubber-covered cable with a metal clamp attached to one end. When this assailant saw that he was being photographed, he attacked SA DOYLE and was subsequently assisted by two other men in this assault. During this assault, a U. S. Government camera containing film bearing photographs of many of the events described herein was stolen by someone at the scene. Further details of this assault upon a Federal Officer are being set forth in a separate report.

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INTERVIEWS OF VICTIMS OF ASSAULTS BY  
UNIDENTIFIED STATE TROOPERS AND  
SHERIFF'S POSSE MEN



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SHEPHERD DAY, Route 3, Box 59, Selma, furnished the following information at Burwell Infirmary, Selma,

Alabama  
DAY advised he was born on July 17, 1946, at Selma, Alabama, and is presently unemployed, having worked for North American Van Lines until about one month ago.

DAY further advised that on Sunday, March 7, 1965, at approximately 2:00 PM he departed Brown AME Chapel, Sylvan Street, Selma, with a group of marchers, whose purpose was to walk to Montgomery, Alabama. He also advised there were about 600 marchers in the line and he was in about the 80th to 85th position from the front of the line.

DAY stated the marchers walked from Brown Chapel on Sylvan Street to Alabama and then to Broad Street, and continued on Broad Street, across Edmund Pettus Bridge on Highway 80. He further stated that after crossing the bridge, the marchers were stopped by several Alabama State Troopers who blocked the path of the march. He said he heard a trooper tell the marchers to turn around and go back.

DAY stated 20 to 30 troopers walked toward the marchers, and some of the persons in front of him turned and ran. He said the troopers got behind these retreating marchers and swung clubs at them. DAY advised the troopers then pulled back, lined up alongside the marchers, put on gas masks, and began throwing tear gas. DAY further advised when the tear gas was released, he was engulfed in the gas and could not see what was happening. He said after 2 or 3 minutes he got out of the gas, ran through a car lot and into a field behind the car lot.

DAY stated he remained in the field for 5 or 10 minutes, at which time mounted Sheriff's Posse members came to the area and ordered the marchers to go back to the church. DAY advised he walked to the highway and returned to Brown Chapel. DAY further advised that immediately after he left the field, he observed an unknown Negro male being beaten in the parking lot of the Pontiac garage located on

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Highway 80. He said a posse member was using a night stick to beat the Negro.

DAY further stated that while returning to the church he saw posse members on horseback riding into groups of Negroes and strike them with night sticks. DAY stated he was not struck by a club, but was ill from effects of the gas.

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Mrs. BLANCHE COWAN, Supervisor of Nurses, Burwell Infirmary, advised that SHEPHERD DAY was admitted to the Infirmary on March 7, 1965. She further advised DAY was overcome with gas and at time of admission was in a serious condition in that he was having difficulty in breathing.

COWAN stated DAY was given artificial respiration, administered oxygen, and given a stimulant.

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DELORES SANDERS, 1934 Philpot Street, Selma, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and furnished the following voluntary information:

She was part of a group of six or seven hundred individuals who marched from the area of the Brown AME Chapel, Selma, on the afternoon of March 7, 1965. She recalled she was about in the middle of the group and they marched until they were stopped by what she believes to be members of the Alabama Highway Patrol, several hundred feet after crossing the Pettus Bridge. The marching group was stopped for only a short time when a group of these patrolmen advanced toward the head of the marchers and began pushing them back.

Shortly after this, canisters of tear gas were set off alongside and among the marchers and just after they had knelt to pray. She got tear gas in her eyes immediately and recalls being struck by a blue uniformed individual with a gas mask on. She was struck a glancing blow on her left shoulder and could not see who it was because of the mask. She got up from her kneeling position and began walking back over the Pettus Bridge but felt faint and dizzy and did not observe any activity, but just followed those in front of her. When she got to the other side of the bridge she collapsed and was picked up by an ambulance and taken to the Burwell Infirmary. She was treated as a tear gas victim.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

|             |                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Race:       | Negro                                          |
| Sex:        | Female                                         |
| Born:       | 2/8/49, Selma, Alabama                         |
| Residence:  | 1934 Philpot Street,<br>Selma, Alabama         |
| Occupation: | Student, Hudson High School,<br>Selma, Alabama |
| Height:     | 5'3"                                           |

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|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Weight:        | 111                              |
| Complexion:    | Medium                           |
| Hair:          | Black                            |
| Eyes:          | Brown                            |
| Scars & marks: | None                             |
| Guardian:      | ELIZABETH MARTIN,<br>Grandmother |

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Mrs. AMIE BOTTOMS, Nurse's Aid, Burwell Infirmary, 508 Philpot Street, after examining the shoulder and back of DELORES SANDERS, a patient at Burwell Infirmary, advised there was no evidence of any bruises or lacerations on SANDERS' back other than a slight swelling in the left shoulder blade area. Mrs. BOTTOMS stated such a swelling would not be visible in a photograph.

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ESSIE MAE \*GRIFFIN, 707 Green Street, Selma, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and furnished the following voluntary information:

Alabama

She was one of a group of several hundred people who marched from the recreation area near the Brown AME Chapel, Selma, on the afternoon of March 7, 1965. She stated she was toward the rear of the group and they marched through Selma and over the Pettus Bridge. She said the marchers were halted several hundred feet past the bridge by policemen in blue uniforms and by others dressed in brown pants and shirts. She said they were told to disperse and she could see some activity at the head of the line and shortly thereafter the group knelt down to pray. A few minutes later tear gas was released among the group and she immediately got some in her eyes and everything thereafter was hazy.

She recalls the group going back over the bridge and she remembers walking east on Water Street to the jail and then "blacking out." She recalls being picked up and carried by someone and the next thing she recalls is waking up in the Burwell Infirmary as it was getting dark outside.

She stated she was not hit by anyone and did not see anyone else being hit. She believes she was treated as a tear gas victim.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

|             |                                                |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Race:       | Negro                                          |
| Sex:        | Female                                         |
| Born:       | 5/23/48, Selma, Alabama                        |
| Residence:  | 707 Green Street,<br>Selma, Alabama            |
| Occupation: | Student, Hudson High School,<br>Selma, Alabama |
| Height:     | 5'2"                                           |
| Weight:     | 98                                             |

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Hair:  
Eyes:  
Scars & marks:  
Mother:

Black  
Brown  
None  
ANNIE BELL GRIFFIN



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"Selma, Ala.  
March 8, 1965

"I, Vashtie Leashore, make the following voluntary signed statement to James Michael Barko and John J. Sweeney, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I was born on Aug. 14, 1913 and I live at 712 Lawrence Street, Selma, Ala.

"On March 7, 1965, I left Brown's Chapel, Selma, Ala. with a group of about 600 Negroes about 2:00 PM. We walked in groups of 25 and I was leading the third group. I noticed about 150 State Troopers lined up shoulder to shoulder across the highway. As we got closer, I saw they all had gas masks on.

"The 2 groups in front of us stopped and there was some talk between the leaders of our group and the State Troopers. I could not hear what was said as I was not close enough. The leaders turned around and started shouting for everyone to turn around and go back to the church.

"The State Troopers then came up and started hitting the group of Negro marchers with their clubs.

"One of the troopers hit me on the right side of my head with his club. At the same time, another State Trooper started jabbing me on my right side with his club. I started to fall, but 2 or 3 Negro boys then caught me. I then heard the gas bombs being shot off and I was pulled down on the ground by the boys that helped me.

"The next thing I remember, I was being helped back across the bridge by 2 or 3 Negro boys. They

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helped me off the bridge and we turned down Water Street. I was placed in a car about one block down the street and was taken to the hospital.

"I have read this statment of 2 pages and it is true"

"/s/ Mrs VASHTIE LEASHORE

"Witnesses

"/s/ John J. Sweeney, SA, FBI, Mobile, Ala.

"/s/ James Michael Barko, SA, FBI, Mobile, Ala."

|             |                                                                  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name:       | Mrs. VASHTIE <del>LEASHORE</del>                                 |
| Address:    | 712 Lawrence Street,<br>Selma, Alabama                           |
| Born:       | 8/14/13, Dallas County,<br>Alabama                               |
| Height:     | 5'8"                                                             |
| Weight:     | 175                                                              |
| Hair:       | Black                                                            |
| Eyes:       | Brown                                                            |
| Parents:    | Mr. and Mrs. ISAAC JOHNSON,<br>705 Fox Circle, Selma,<br>Alabama |
| Education:  | Completed 7th grade                                              |
| Occupation: | Housewife                                                        |

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Date 3/11/65

"Selma, Ala  
March 8, 1965

"I, Viola Jackson, make the following statement to James Michael Barko and John J. Sweeney, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I was born Jan. 5, 1949 at Selma, Ala. and I live at 1206 Lawrence Street, Selma.

"On March 7, 1965, I left Brown's Chapel, Selma, Ala. with a group of Negroes, about 500 or 600, to start a march to Montgomery, Ala. The marchers were divided into groups of 25 and I was in the next to the last group. We crossed the Pettus Bridge and saw a large number of State Troopers that were lined up across the highway.

"The front of the group of marchers were stopped, but we kept on until we got off of the bridge. We stopped and waited for a short time and saw the State Troopers charge into the first group of marchers. I did not hear what was said as I was so far behind.

"One of the leaders of the march, Hosea Williams, came back towards the end of the line and told us to kneel down and start praying. All of us did this and the State Troopers started throwing tear gas at the whole group of marchers. One State Trooper then threw a tear gas bomb right beside me and I must have inhaled a lot of this because I don't recall anything until I awoke in the hospital. I was not struck and I did not see anyone being hit since I was unconscious.

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"I have read this statement both two pages and it is true.

"/s/ Viola Jackson

"Witnesses:

/s/ John J. Sweeney, SA, F.B.I., Mobile, Ala.

/s/ James Michael Barko, SA, F.B.I., Mobile, Ala."

Following is a description obtained from interview and observation:

|            |                                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Name:      | VIOLA JACKSON                                 |
| Race:      | Negro                                         |
| Sex:       | Female                                        |
| Residence: | 1206 Lawrence Street<br>Selma, Alabama        |
| Born:      | 1/5/49, Selma, Alabama                        |
| Height:    | 5'4"                                          |
| Weight:    | 132                                           |
| Hair:      | Black                                         |
| Eyes:      | Brown                                         |
| Mother:    | Mrs. OLA MAE JACKSON,<br>same address         |
| Education: | Sophomore, R. B. Hudson<br>High School, Selma |



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"Selma, Alabama  
March 8, 1965

"I, Annie Murrell Russell make the following voluntary statement to John H. Lupton and Daniel D. Doyle, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand I am giving this statement as part of an official investigation.

"I was born March 11, 1929 at Marion Alabama where I reside with my husband, Sylvester Russell and our nine children at Route 3, Box 152.

"On March 7, 1965 I traveled by automobile to Brown Chapel Church, Sylvan Street, in Selma Alabama to take part in a planned march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. I had a desire to engage in this march because of the recent death of Jimmie Lee Jackson at Marion, Alabama.

"Approximately six hundred persons were marching in pairs and I was approximately one block from the head of the line. We walked across the bridge over the Alabama River at Selma and the line was halted by a row of Alabama Highway Patrol troopers across the highway near the end of the bridge.

"I heard someone say 'Do whatever it takes to turn them back.' The people in front of me were dashing back toward me and some were falling down. I dropped to my knees and closed my eyes because I saw the men donning gas masks so I knew tear gas was coming. I did not interfere in any way with the activities of the law enforcement officers and I was attempting to follow their instructions when I was knocked over by the other marchers and they trampled on me. The tear gas did come and burned my eyes and nearly suffocated me. Someone stepped on my right side near my ribs and hurt me inside. I think I have recovered from the effects of the gas.

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"I was not struck by any law enforcement officer and none of the horses hurt me. I was able to recover my footing and I then walked back to Brown Chapel Church in Selma.

"Later, at the church, an ambulance picked me up and brought me to Good Samaritan Hospital, 1107 Voeglin Ave., Selma, where I am now a patient. I have been examined but do not yet know the extent of my injuries. I have read this statement of this page and to other pages and it is true

"/s/ Annie Murrel Russell

"Witnesses

/s/ John H. Lupton, Special Agent, Mobile, Alabama  
3/8/65  
/s/ Daniel D. Doyle, Special Agent FBI, Mobile Ala  
3/8/65  
/s/ John L. Wright, Jr. Ass't. Adm. Good Samaritan  
Hospital 3/8/65"

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

|             |                                                                      |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|             | <u>Mrs. Sylvester Russell</u>                                        |
| Name:       | Mrs. ANNIE MURREL RUSSELL                                            |
| Race:       | Negro                                                                |
| Sex:        | Female                                                               |
| Born:       | 3/11/29, Marion, Alabama                                             |
| Weight:     | 139                                                                  |
| Height:     | 5'4"                                                                 |
| Hair:       | Black                                                                |
| Eyes:       | Brown                                                                |
| Complexion: | Light                                                                |
| Education:  | Cross Roads Junior School,<br>7th grade                              |
| Husband:    | SYLVESTER RUSSELL,<br><u>Route 3, Box 152</u><br><u>Marion, Ala.</u> |
| Children:   | Claims 9 children, ages<br>3 years to 18 years                       |

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Date March 11, 1965Profit Lee Austin Barlow"Selma, Ala  
3/8/65

"I, Profit Barlow, 1325 Minter Ave Selma, Ala. make the following free and voluntary statement to Thomas E Burns Jr and Carl E. Beason who have identified themselves to me as special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"I am 17 years of age and am a student at No. R. B. Hudson High School. I was born in Selma and have lived here all my life. approx 1948

"On 3/7/65 at approximately 2 P.M. I left Brown Chapel with about one thousand marchers en route to Montgomery, Ala. We marched down Sylvan St to Alabama Ave west on Alabama to Broad St. to the Edmund Pettus Bridge. I was back about 200 people from the front of the line. Just before the line reached the last red light in Selma the state troopers made an announcement: 'Troopers disperse these people by any means.' The troopers charged first they only pushed but then they started swinging their clubs and hitting the marchers in the front of the line. Then the leaders told us to kneel down and pray. All of us knelt and prayed and then the troopers came along side and threw tear gas grenades very close to us. I stayed about three minutes and then a boy jumped over my head and ran toward the laundry. I followed him and jumped into the gully on the side of the laundromat. The troopers then appeared at the gully and dropped 15 or 20 tear gas grenades into the gully. Hosea Williams said we should go back in the wood because the troopers were coming again. I ran into the wood and then returned to the south side of the bridge and helped one of the injured girl marcher back to the church. When we returned to the church I could not breathe and my eyes were tearing. During

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"the march to the bridge and on the way back I was not struck by anyone at any time. The only injury I suffered was from the inhilation of tear gas.

"I have read this page and two other pages and they are true and correct to the best of Knowledge. I have instial the precedeing two pages and I sign this page below.

"/s/ Profit Lee Austin Barlow

Witnessed:

"/s/ Carl E. Beason, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Selma, Ala. 3/8/65

"/s/ Thomas E Burns F.B.I. Selma Ala 3/8/65 Spec.  
Agt."



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*Arzula Theresa Sanders*  
*Arzula T. Sanders*

"Miss Arzula T. Sanders  
 Selma, Alabama  
 March 8, 1965

*Negro*

"I, ~~Arzula Sanders~~ make the following voluntary statement to ~~John H. Lupton~~ and Daniel D. Doyle who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand I am furnishing this statement as a part of an official investigation.

"I was born October 26, 1947 at Selma, Alabama, and am seventeen years of age. I reside with my mother, Mrs. Arzula Sanders, at 830 Griffin St. Selma, Alabama. I am a student in the eleventh grade at R. B. Hudson High School in Selma.

"On March 7, 1965 I participated in a march from Brown Chapel, Sylvan Street, Selma, Alabama with about 600 other people. We left Brown Chapel in pairs and walked through Selma and across the bridge over the Alabama River. I was about in the middle of group of marchers. When we arrived on the other side of the river a large number of uniformed state troopers were lined up across the road blocking the march. I also saw about 10 men with helmets on, riding horses, whom I believe were deputized men.

"I heard someone announce 'you have two minutes to disperse and go back to the church.' Shortly thereafter I saw the troopers adjusting their masks. The marchers immediately turned around, kneeled, and started to pray - tear gas was thrown in immediately and I almost suffocated. As the marchers tried to get away from the gas the troopers hit them with clubs forcing them back into the gas.

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 DANIEL D. DOYLE

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A canister of gas broke very close to me and as I tried to get away from it a uniformed trooper wearing a mask hit me on the right shoulder with his stick and then he hit me on the back of the head, knocking me down. I was lying on top of somebody and I tried to pull this person over to the side away from the thickness of the gas when the trooper hit me in the back of the head again. Then I got out into the street the trooper hit me a third time in the head. All together he hit me four times with his stick. I then ran across the street to get away from the troopers and the gas.

"By this time most of the marchers were starting back across the bridge to return to the church. The men on horses followed us back to Brown Chapel but none hurt me anymore. About ten minutes later the ambulance took me from Brown Chapel to Good Samaritan Hospital.

"At no time did I interfere with any law enforcement officer.

"I have read this statement Of this page and two other pages and it is true.

"/s/ Arzula T. Sanders

"Witnesses

/s/ John H. Lupton, Special Agent, FBI, Mobile,  
Alabama 3/8/65

/s/ Daniel D. Doyle, Special Agent, F.B.I., Mobile,  
Ala., 3/8/65"

The following is a description of ARZULA THERESA SANDERS as obtained by observation and interview:

|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| Name | ARZULA THERESA SANDERS |
| Race | Negro                  |
| Sex  | Female                 |
| DOB  | October 26, 1947       |
| POB  | Selma, Alabama         |

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|            |                                                                                                                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Height     | 5'1½"                                                                                                                           |
| Weight     | 155 pounds                                                                                                                      |
| Hair       | Black                                                                                                                           |
| Eyes       | Brown                                                                                                                           |
| Complexion | Dark                                                                                                                            |
| Marks      | Left middle finger stiff;<br>Mole at base of each little<br>finger                                                              |
| Education  | Eleventh grade<br>R. B. Hudson High School<br>Selma, Alabama                                                                    |
| Parents    | NED SANDERS<br>Route One, Box 74<br>Anniston, Alabama - Father<br>ARZULA SANDERS, 830 Griffin Street<br>Selma, Alabama - Mother |
| Brothers   | Five                                                                                                                            |

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"3/8/65  
Selma Alabama

"I, Jeanette Howard, make the following voluntary statement to John J. Sweeney and James Michael Barko who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were used to get me to make this statement.

"I was born on September 7, 1948 in Perry County, Alabama and am presently in the eleventh grade at Lincoln High School, Marion, Alabama.

"Sometime past 2:00 P.M. on March 7, 1965 I went with a large group of Negroes in a march from Brown's Chapel intending to walk to Montgomery. I was near the middle of the line of marchers which crossed over the Edmund Pettus Bridge and was met by the Alabama State Troopers. A few minutes after I had arrived, I was told by one Negro next to me to sit down and I did. Just as I started to sit down along the side of the highway I saw a number of troopers toss tear gas grenades at me and the other Negroes. The smoke from these gas grenades was so irritating I became dizzy and tried to run into the clear air. The troopers, however, continued to chase me and the others.

"I ran through the smoke and headed for the bridge. Before I reached the bridge a trooper threw another gas grenade and, once again, I could not see for a while. When finally I reached the bridge I saw a Negro boy with his head bleeding from a wound. This boy was running with the rest of us because some posse members on horseback were chasing us. One of them said 'You wanted to march - now is the time to

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march. I kept running until I crossed the bridge and was taken by a Negro in a car to Brown's Chapel.

"I am presently in Good Samaritan Hospital where I have been treated for effects of tear gas and a possible fractured skull.

"I have read this statement of two pages and that is true\_

"/s/ Jeanette Howard

"Witnesses:

"/s/ James Michael Barko, SA, FBI, Mobile, Alabama

"/s/ John J. Sweeney, SA, F.B.I., Mobile, Ala."

The following is a description of JEANETTE HOWARD as obtained through observation and interview:

|           |                                                                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name      | JEANETTE *HOWARD                                                      |
| Race      | <u>Negro</u>                                                          |
| Sex       | Female                                                                |
| DOB       | <u>9/7/48</u>                                                         |
| POB       | <u>Perry County, Alabama</u>                                          |
| Height    | 5'6"                                                                  |
| Weight    | 125 pounds                                                            |
| Eyes      | Brown                                                                 |
| Hair      | Black                                                                 |
| Education | Eleventh Grade<br>Lincoln High School                                 |
| Father    | JAMES H. HOWARD<br><u>Route Two, Box 55</u><br><u>Marion, Alabama</u> |
| Mother    | MARIE HOWARD<br><u>Route Two, Box 55</u><br><u>Marion, Alabama</u>    |

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"3/8/65  
Selma, Alabama

"I, Annie Louree Fuller, make the following voluntary statement to John J. Sweeney and James Michael Barko who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises were used to get me to make this statement.

"I was born on November 6, 1936 in Wilcox County, Alabama and have graduated from R. B. Hudson High School in Selma, Alabama.

"After 2:00 P.M. on March 7, 1965 I went with a group of Negro marchers from Brown's Chapel over the Edmund Pettus Bridge with the intention of walking to Montgomery. I was in the middle of the line when I saw Alabama State Troopers hitting some Negroes at the front of the line. There was blood nearby where the Negroes had fallen to the ground and I saw three troopers hitting the Negroes on the ground. A few minutes later we were told to disperse. We began to sit down and some of us knelt. Just then the troopers tossed gas grenades at us. I became frightened and was chased behind a filling station by a group of troopers. There was so much smoke caused by the gas that I became blinded and stumbled over the side of a small hill. After a few minutes Ely Reese came to my aid and sat with me for a while on the side of the hill. Another Negro man then helped me back up the hill where we were met with more tear gas. I staggered through the gas with the help of this man and found my way to the bridge. A man on horseback rode up to us and said: 'You all Niggers want to march - we'll show you how to march - get going'. I started to run again. I saw Negroes being hit on the front and back by the men on horses. I

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was forced to run all the way across the bridge by three men on horses. After crossing the bridge I was taken by car to Brown's Chapel, from where I was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital.

"I am presently in Good Samaritan Hospital with torn ligaments of the left knee which I believe I incurred when falling over the side of the hill.

"I have read this statement of 2 page & it is true\_

"/s/ Annie Louree Fuller

"Witnesses:

"/s/ James Michael Barko, SA, FBI, Mobile, Alabama

"/s/ John J. Sweeney, SA, F.B.I., Mobile, Ala."

The following description of ANNIE LOUREE FULLER was obtained through observation and interview:

|                |                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Race           | <u>Negro</u>                                                                                                                    |
| Sex            | <u>Female</u>                                                                                                                   |
| Address        | <u>1504 Washington Street,</u><br><u>Selma, Alabama</u>                                                                         |
| Date of Birth  | <u>November 6, 1936</u>                                                                                                         |
| Place of Birth | <u>Wilcox County, Alabama</u>                                                                                                   |
| Eyes           | <u>Brown</u>                                                                                                                    |
| Hair           | <u>Black</u>                                                                                                                    |
| Height         | <u>4'11"</u>                                                                                                                    |
| Weight         | <u>110 lbs.</u>                                                                                                                 |
| Parents        | <u>OLLIE EATON FULLER, mother,</u><br><u>1504 Washington Street,</u><br><u>Selma, Alabama</u><br><u>JULIUS FULLER, deceased</u> |
| Marital Status | <u>Single</u>                                                                                                                   |
| Education      | <u>Twelfth grade, graduate of</u><br><u>R. B. Hudson High School</u>                                                            |
| Edmployment    | <u>Unemployed</u>                                                                                                               |

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"I, Stella Davis, make the following voluntary statement to John J. Sweeney and James Michael Barko who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation. No threats or promises were used to get me to make this statement.

"I was born on December 19, 1904 at Georgetown, Georgia and have completed five years of school at Arlington, Georgia.

"On March 7, 1965 I went with a large number of other Negroes in a march from Brown's Chapel, intending to walk with them to Montgomery. I was near the front of the line of marchers when we had crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge and were met by a line of Alabama State Troopers. One of these troopers began speaking to us, through a loudspeaker. He told us we were not going to make the march and told us to disperse, and that those of us who didn't disperse would be put in jail. He then said he would give us two minutes to disperse. Some of the staff leaders of the march, including, I believe, Hosea Williams, told us to go back to the church. Before we had a chance to turn and leave a number of posse members and troopers came at us and threw tear gas grenades at us. Before the smoke became too thick I was able to see that a number of Negroes were being hit on the head and shoulders by the troopers and deputies. I became very dizzy and fell to the ground. A Negro then dragged me to a clearing and a second Negro man carried me to a safe spot on the side of a hill. From there I was able to walk partially across the bridge. An ambulance came for me and took me to Brown's Chapel where another car brought me to the hospital.

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"I am presently in Good Samaritan Hospital where I was treated for a fractured wrist which I received during the pushing by the troopers. I believe the fracture occurred when I tried to break my fall to the ground after being shoved by a trooper.

"This statement has been read to me because I do not have my glasses available and it is true.

/s/ "MRS. STELLA DAVIS

"Witnesses:

"JAMES MICHAEL BARKO, SA, FBI, Mobile, Alabama  
"JOHN J. SWEENEY, SA, FBI, Mobile, Ala."

The following description of DAVIS was obtained by observation and interview:

|                |                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Name           | <u>Mrs. STELLA DAVIS</u>                              |
| Race           | <u>Negro</u>                                          |
| Sex            | <u>Female</u>                                         |
| Residence      | <u>712 Lawrence Street,<br/>Selma, Alabama</u>        |
| Date Of Birth  | <u>December 19, 1904</u>                              |
| Place Of Birth | <u>Georgetown, Georgia</u>                            |
| Height         | <u>5' 4"</u>                                          |
| Weight         | <u>160 pounds</u>                                     |
| Eyes           | <u>Brown</u>                                          |
| Hair           | <u>Black</u>                                          |
| Occupation     | <u>Housewife</u>                                      |
| Husband        | <u>BEN DAVIS,<br/>Route 2,<br/>Blufton, Georgia</u>   |
| Education      | <u>Completed 5th grade at<br/>Arlington, Georgia.</u> |

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"I, Emerson Acoff, make the following voluntary statement to James Michael Barko and John J. Sweeney, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I was born July 29, 1948 at Selma, Ala. and I live at 1121 Morgan Alley, Selma.

"On March 7, 1965 I left Brown's Chapel, Selma with a group of about 700 Negroes. We were going to march to Montgomery, Ala. to see if more Negroes could register to vote. This was after 2:00 PM.

"As I crossed the bridge I saw a large number of Alabama State Troopers lined up side by side across the highway. I was about in the middle of the group of marchers, but I heard a State Trooper said that we had 2 minutes to disperse. Less than a minute later, this officer said "Troopers approach the marchers". The troopers were all wearing gas masks and they started shooting tear gas masks and they started shooting tear gas at us. I started to go back, but there was an old woman there that was having difficulty, so I put her over my shoulders and carried her to about the middle of the bridge. This woman, whom I did not know, was placed in an ambulance and taken away.

"I was not struck by anyone, but I had inhaled quite a lot of tear gas. I then walked off the bridge and returned to Brown's Chapel. I was inside the church talking with some people when my eyes started burning from the tear gas that had been shot at us before. I went outside the church to see if the air would clear it. While I was standing there, a

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"a large group of officers started down the street chasing everyone off the street. This group of officers was made up of State Troopers, deputy sheriffs, and posse members. Some of the posse members were on horses.

"I walked down the street near the First Baptist Church. I saw some boys that I did not know start to throw rocks at the officers. I saw the officers start toward the group and since I was near, I ran with the rest of them into the First Baptist Church. I hid in one of the rooms of the church and the officers followed us in. The officers chased most of the other Negroes out of the church and then came into the room where I was hiding. One of the posse members saw me hiding up on a shelf and told me to come down. As I started down, he grabbed my leg and threw me to the floor. I got up and he hit me on the left side of the forehead with his club. I fell to the floor and rolled myself up into a ball. When I did this, this same posse member kicked me on the right side with his foot. He told me to get up and to get out the nearest way. He said the nearest way was the window. I saw another posse member standing in the door swinging his club so I dove threw the window and landed in the choir stand. I got up and ran out of the church.

"I cut my left wrist as I dove through the window and had 15 or 16 stitches taken in it.

"When I left the church, I was very dizzy so I started to go to a friend's house, but I lost consciousness before I got there. Somebody must have called the ambulance and took me to the hospital.

"I did not know the posse member that hit me and I could not describe him.

"I have read this statement of four pages and it is true."

/s/ "EMERSON ACOFF

"Witnesses: "JOHN J. SWEENEY, SA, F.B.I., Mobile, Ala.  
"JAMES MICHAEL BARKO, SA, S.B.I., Mobile, Ala."

The following description of ACOFF was obtained by observation and questioning:

|                |                                                                       |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name           | EMERSON ACOFF                                                         |
| Race           | Negro                                                                 |
| Sex            | Male                                                                  |
| Residence      | 1121 Morgan Alley,<br>Selma, Alabama                                  |
| Date Of Birth  | July 29, 1948                                                         |
| Place Of Birth | Selma, Alabama                                                        |
| Height         | 5' 4"                                                                 |
| Weight         | 138 pounds                                                            |
| Hair           | Black                                                                 |
| Eyes           | Brown                                                                 |
| Education      | Completed 10th Grade,<br>R. B. Hudson High School,<br>Selma, Alabama. |
| Employment     | Employed as pulpwood<br>worker for his father.                        |
| Father         | MOSE ACOFF,<br>1121 Morgan Alley,<br>Selma, Alabama.                  |



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"I, Margaret Clay Brooks, make the following voluntary statement to John J. Sweeney and James Michael Barko who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation. No threats or promises were used to get me to make this statement.

"I was born on October 26, 1938 in Autauga County and have graduated from Autauga County Training School.

"Sometime after 2:00 P.M. on March 7, 1965 I went with a large number of Negroes from the Brown's Chapel in Selma intending to walk to Montgomery. When we had crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge we were stopped by the Alabama State Troopers. One of the troopers told us over a loudspeaker that there could be no march and that we had two minutes to make up our minds. Just then I heard horses approaching, so I turned and ran toward the bridge. Everyone in front of me stopped and I was unable to proceed any further. I then knelt and covered my face with a handkerchief when I noticed the troopers carrying gas grenades. I remained kneeling as long as I could after the troopers threw these gas grenades at us, but then tried to head for the bridge after rising. Negroes were on the ground in front of the bridge so I couldn't go on. A trooper pulled me by my coat out from the gas onto the highway. This trooper struck me at least three times on the head. During this the gas began to make me dizzy so I fell to the pavement and bumped my head. I was still dizzy when I got up but I noticed my head was bleeding. A trooper with a night stick told me to head away from the bridge and go toward the light on Highway 80 and I did so, continuing to bleed.

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"After reaching this light I started to return to the bridge but another trooper came up and waved his stick at me, telling me to walk out of town. A Negro man came to my aid and put me in a cab and took me to his house until the road was unblocked.

"I am presently in Good Samaritan Hospital where I have been treated for head lacerations. I had been discharged but returned after suffering dizzy spells. My top teeth have been loosened by a blow received during the march. Also, I have been treated for a possible fractured skull.

"I have read this statement of two pages and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ is true\_\_\_\_

/s/ "MARGUERITE CLAY BROOKS

"Witnesses:

"JAMES MICHAEL BARKO, SA, FBI, Mobile, Ala.  
 "JOHN J. SWEENEY, SA, F.B.I., Mobile, Ala."

The following description of BROOKS was obtained by observation and interview:

|                |                                                                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name           | <i>Margaret Clay Brooks</i><br>MARGUERITE CLAY BROOKS                         |
| Race           | Negro                                                                         |
| Sex            | Female                                                                        |
| Residence      | Route 1, Box 35,<br>Jones, Alabama                                            |
| Date Of Birth  | October 26, 1938                                                              |
| Place Of Birth | Autauga County, Alabama                                                       |
| Height         | 5' 8"                                                                         |
| Weight         | 135 pounds                                                                    |
| Eyes           | Brown                                                                         |
| Hair           | Black                                                                         |
| Education      | Graduated from Autauga<br>County Training School,<br>Autauga County, Alabama. |
| Marital Status | Single                                                                        |
| Aunt           | EVELYN GORDIE,<br>Route 1, Box 36,<br>Jones, Alabama                          |
| Employment     | Unemployed                                                                    |
| Parents        | Deceased                                                                      |

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March 8, 1965

"I, John Robert Lewis, furnish the following signed statement to John H. Lupton and Daniel D. Doyle who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation. I understand that this statement is being taken in connection with an official investigation, and might be used in court.

"I am twenty-five years of age and reside at 8½ Raymond St., Atlanta, Ga. I am National Chairman of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

"On the afternoon of March 7, 1965, I was a leader in a march which was intended to proceed from Selma, Ala. Brown Chapel Church to Montgomery, Ala. I was at the head of the march together with Hosea Williams, an S.C.L.C. Official.

"As we approached a point on Highway 80E near the Glass House Restaurant, we were stopped by a row of Alabama State Troopers who were across the highway. A trooper with a megaphone ordered the marchers to disperse or go back to the church. When we stood fast the troopers moved toward us with night sticks, first pushing us and immediately thereafter charging into the crowd of marchers swinging the night sticks.

"I was hit with a night stick and fell to my knees. When I attempted to get up I was struck a second time in the head with a night stick by the same trooper.

"At that point, I was engulfed in tear gas which was exploded by the troopers, and I vomited.

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"To escape the gas I ran to the east off the highway toward the woods. I then proceeded on foot back to Brown Chapel Church.

"Shortly, thereafter, while addressing a group of marchers at the church, I began to feel severe pain in my head. I, therefore, went next door to the church parsonage where I awaited an ambulance which subsequently took me to Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma.

"At no time during the above described incident did I assault or in any way interfere with a law enforcement officer.

"I have read the four page statmet, and it is true and correct.

/s/ "JOHN ROBERT LEWIS

"Witnessed:

"JOHN H. LUPTON, SA, FBI  
"DANIEL D. DOYLE, SA, FBI"

The following description of LEWIS was obtained by observation and interview:

|                |                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name           | JOHN ROBERT LEWIS                                                                                                                               |
| Race           | Negro                                                                                                                                           |
| Sex            | Male                                                                                                                                            |
| Date Of Birth  | February 21, 1940                                                                                                                               |
| Place Of Birth | Troy, Alabama                                                                                                                                   |
| Height         | 5'5½"                                                                                                                                           |
| Weight         | 156 pounds                                                                                                                                      |
| Hair           | Black                                                                                                                                           |
| Eyes           | Brown                                                                                                                                           |
| Complexion     | Medium                                                                                                                                          |
| Education      | Received A.B. Degree in 1961 from American Baptist Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee. Completed 2 years at Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee. |

8½ Raymond Street  
Northwest



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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employment      | National Chairman of the<br>Student Non-Violent<br>Coordinating Committee. |
| Marital Status  | Single                                                                     |
| Father          | EDDIE LEWIS, Troy, Alabama                                                 |
| Mother          | WILLIE MAE LEWIS, Troy,<br>Alabama                                         |
| Other Relatives | Has 6 brothers and 3<br>sisters.                                           |
| Residence       | 8½ Raymond Street,<br>Northwest,<br>Atlanta, Georgia.                      |

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INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES

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J. WILSON BAKER, Director of Public Safety, Selma, Alabama, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and furnished the following information:

A meeting was held at 11:00 AM on Sunday, March 7, 1965, in Selma, at which Colonel BILL RUSSELL and Major JOHN CLOUD, both of the Alabama Highway Patrol, JOSEPH SMITHERMAN, Mayor of Selma, CARL MORGAN, President of the Selma City Council and himself were present.

The topic of discussion was the proposed march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, by a group of Negroes which was to take place at 1:00 PM, March 7, 1965.

BAKER stated that Mayor SMITHERMAN told him that he had committed the Selma Police Department to stopping the marching group, along with the Alabama Highway Patrol, south of Pettus Bridge on Highway 80. WILSON stated he refused to do this because Major CLOUD told him that the Alabama Highway Patrol intended to use tear gas to disperse the group. It was BAKER's opinion that if the group refused to disperse they should be arrested and gas should only be used if the marchers became unruly and rioted.

BAKER said SMITHERMAN was aware that tear gas was going to be used.

BAKER further advised that he dispatched one police car and four men under the direction of Captain CHAMBERS to the south side of Pettus Bridge to help with traffic. He said his men were ordered not to participate in stopping the march, but only to control spectators and traffic.

BAKER advised that SMITHERMAN insisted the Selma Police be used and he told SMITHERMAN he would not do it and if SMITHERMAN wanted it done that way he would have to do it himself.

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BAKER advised he stood by this decision and the  
Selma Police were used the way he decided.



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NOLAN B. CHAMBERS, Captain, Selma, Alabama Police Department, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, and furnished the following voluntary information.

On March 7, 1965, he and three members of the Selma Police Department were dispatched to the south side of the Pettus Bridge on Route 80, about 1:00 p.m.. His superior, Mr. BAKER, the Director of Public Safety for the city of Selma, told him his duties were to assist the Alabama State Troopers in controlling traffic and spectators, and he was not to become involved with the marching group of civil rights demonstrators, who intended to march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

He said he parked his car on the west side of Highway 80 in the vicinity of the Glass House and the Chick-N-Treat. He and his three men busied themselves keeping this area clear of spectators and maintaining order. When the marchers appeared on the Pettus Bridge, people left the restaurants in the area to better observe the scene.

When the marchers approached the Lehman Pontiac Company, they halted and at this time were on the east side of Highway 80 alongside the road. He would estimate they were confronted by approximately 50 Alabama State Troopers. He then heard Major CLOUD of the State Troopers order the marchers to disperse, and when they did not, about 20 Troopers moved towards them and began pushing them back with "beat sticks" which they held at each end and in front of them. After the marchers had been pushed back, the Troopers regrouped, put on gas masks, advanced and set off canisters of tear gas alongside the marchers, who were either sitting or kneeling.

He then observed some of the group turn and go back towards the bridge, and a small group ran west across the highway into a field. He then observed about 8 mounted members of the Dallas County Sheriff's Posse at the southeast corner of the bridge.

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At this time, his attention and that of his men was focused on the area behind them as spectators were shouting, and he thought there might be trouble. When he next observed the marchers, all he could see was clouds of smoke and several persons lying on the ground.

He did not observe Troopers hitting anyone.

He also observed mounted Posse members riding in the area behind the Chick-N-Treat Restaurant, but they passed from his view, and he could not see what they were doing.

He stated he probably missed a good deal of activity because of his obligation to maintain order, but maintained he did not observe any of the marchers being hit or beaten.

At one point, he donned a gas mask, and could see nothing because of the fogged lenses.

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GERALD GILBERT, Owner, Chick-N-Treat, Highway 80 East, Selma, Alabama, advised he was in his place of business on Sunday Afternoon, March 7, 1965, when the Negro march was stopped. He informed as follows:

He saw the general area of dispersal and heard the order given to disperse. The troopers approached the front of the Negro line and pushed them back. They were pushing with their clubs in front of them, but he saw some clubs raised, but he saw no one struck by the clubs.

After the Negroes were pushed back, a lot of the Negroes ran, and others knelt and huddled together, apparently for protection. Then gas canisters were released along the line, and some of the Negroes got up and ran. Some stayed down a while, but they gradually all got up. The troopers tried to direct them toward the bridge, but some of the Negroes ran behind buildings on both sides of the highway, but mostly on the east side of the highway.

He said it was his opinion, from watching, that no troopers were trying to hurt anyone, but they were trying to get them to move and make them think they were going to get hurt. He said he saw plenty of opportunities for them to really hurt the Negroes, if they had wanted to, but he saw no one get hurt.

He saw one mounted posse man disperse white civilians, who were trying to attack a Negro boy by his place of business, and no one bothered the boy. He said he was of the opinion more Negroes would have been hurt if it had not been for this protection.

He saw no activity on the approach of the bridge due to obstructions in the way.

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RALPH HOWARD PARDUE, Selma Police Department, Selma, Alabama, was interviewed by SAs PAUL R. KEISER and LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY, and he furnished the following information:

Officer PARDUE advised that he was ordered to the south side of Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965, at approximately 1:00 p.m., along with three other officers he identified as Captain CHAMBERS, BILLY BOBO, and RALPH HOWARD. He stated that he understood their function to be to provide communications and assistance where needed, to the Alabama State Troopers and Sheriff's Deputies.

As they arrived on the south side of Pettus Bridge, they parked the squad car in the vicinity of the Chick-N-Treat and Glass House Restaurant. Officer PARDUE stated that he observed the line of marchers stopped by Major CLOUD of the Alabama State Troopers, and then observed the Troopers move forward to the line, using sticks in a pushing fashion to move them back and disperse the line. He then observed Troopers rolling what appeared to be tear gas cannisters all along the line. He further advised that at this point, the smoke from the cannisters obscured his view of what took place after this. He then stated that he and his fellow officers became busy with the white onlookers, and did not observe any other incidents. He further stated that he did not see anyone swing a nightstick and hit anyone at any time.

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BILLY MACK BOBO, Selma Police Department, furnished the following information:

He was present in a Selma Police Department squad car on March 7, 1965, which was ordered to proceed to the south end of Pettus Bridge and provide communication and whatever assistance could be rendered to law enforcement officers standing by at this position. With Officer BOBO in the squad car were three other Selma Police Department officers identified as Captain CHAMBERS, MACK ROBERTS and RALPH HOWARD.

Officer BOBO further advised that they were parked in the midst of the white onlookers on the west side of Route 80 East of Pettus Bridge close to the Glass House Restaurant. He stated that he observed about 50 Alabama State Troopers present along with Sheriff's Deputies and Posse. He observed Major CLOUD of the Alabama Highway Patrol stop the line of marchers on the east side of Route 80 but could not distinguish exactly what he was saying. Officer BOBO further stated that the Troopers began advancing upon the front of the line and pushing them back. Then tear gas canisters were rolled all along the line obscuring his view of what happened after this. He then turned his attention to the white crowd as they were becoming wild and had his back to the line of marchers. Officer BOBO advised that he had his hands full controlling the white onlookers and did not observe any beatings at any time.

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Officer MACK ROBERTS, Selma Police Department, Selma, Alabama, was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and furnished the following voluntary information.

He was ordered to maintain order and assist with traffic problems on the south side of the Pettus Bridge at 1:00 P.M. on March 7, 1965, in connection with a march of civil rights demonstrators. He and three fellow officers, under the direction of Captain CHAMBERS, positioned themselves in this area near the Chick-N-Treat Restaurant.

When the marchers crossed the bridge, they were confronted by approximately 50 or 60 Alabama Highway Patrol Troopers and Major CLOUD told them to disperse. When they did not, a smaller group of troopers pushed them back with clubs held in front of them.

The troopers then regrouped, put on gas masks, and set off tear gas canisters alongside the group which hampered his vision. He also put a gas mask on, but because the lens fogged up, he could see nothing further.

He then occupied himself with the problems of controlling spectators and maintaining order.

He did not observe any of the marchers being hit by posse members, a few of which he observed, or by troopers.

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B. L. BROWN, Sales Manager, Lehman Pontiac, residence 100 Riverview, Selma, Alabama, was in the showroom of Lehman Pontiac on Sunday afternoon behind the newsmen who had been put in front of the showroom. He heard a State Trooper order them to stop and ordered them to disperse, go home, or go back to the church; that they were an unlawful assembly and were not going to march on the highway because of danger to them and others. He gave them two minutes to disperse. The Negroes stood their ground. He heard the trooper officer give the command to "Prepare to charge," and about 20 officers approached the front of the Negro marchers with their clubs at chest level and started pushing them back. During this pushing, he saw some Negroes throwing their fists at the troopers, knocking their masks off. Some of the Negroes fell and some troopers fell. He could not tell exactly what caused it. He saw some Negroes grab hold of troopers' clubs and troopers jerked them away. He saw some clubs held up in the air and brought down, but could not actually see if anyone was hit by the blow.

He said the troopers pushed the Negroes back about 50 feet the first time and some Negroes ran. The officers regrouped and pushed the Negroes back about 50 to 75 feet to a group of Negroes who were sitting down on the curb. State Troopers withdraw a few feet and the Negroes continued to sit close together with their heads down. Tear gas grenades were set off all along the line and this cut off his vision as to what actually took place in the tear gas smoke, but he could see some Negroes get up and run through a farm machinery lot and out of sight behind buildings. He saw no one follow them but troopers went into the tear gas area and, as the rest of the Negroes got up, they were directed toward the river bridge. He saw no club raised during this time, but did not see all activity due to the gas.

~~BROWN saw the Mounted Posse riding beside the group as they approached and went over the bridge. He saw~~

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none of them strike anyone; they seemed to be keeping the Negroes on the right side of the bridge. During the entire incident, he did not see anyone struck. It seemed to him that most damage was done in the first push when there was stumbling and falling over each other. He saw two Negroes fall, one got up shortly, but the other Negro stayed there for some time.



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CHECK OF MEDICAL RECORDS  
AND INTERVIEWS WITH  
DOCTORS AT MEDICAL FACILITIES

Patients admitted to Good Samaritan Hospital  
Sunday, March 7, 1965, as a result of attack  
on Civil Right demonstrators by Alabama State  
Troopers and Members of Dallas County Posse

|       |                                                                    |                                                                |                          |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 204-B | Mrs. Evelyn Mauldin<br>1213 Union St.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 56)      | fractured elbow                                                | Dr. Jasper<br>Moore      |
| 304-B | Annie Fuller<br>1504 Washington St.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 29)        | torn ligaments<br>of left knee                                 | Dr. Jasper<br>Moore      |
| 310-A | Viola Jackson<br>1206 Lawrence St.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 16)         | tear gas effect<br>and hysteria                                | Dr. Hartsell<br>Stewart  |
| 312-B | John Lewis<br>8 $\frac{1}{2}$ Raymond St.<br>Atlanta, Ga. (age 25) | fractured skull                                                | Dr. Isabel<br>Dumont     |
| 310-B | Mrs. Stella Davis<br>712 Lawrence St.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 60)      | fractured left<br>wrist                                        | Dr. Freeman<br>Singleton |
| 313-A | Willie D. Williams<br>Boykin, Ala. (age 18)                        | fractured right<br>knee                                        | Dr. Jasper<br>Moore      |
| 314-B | Arzula Saunders<br>830 Griffin Ave.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 17)        | laceration of<br>back of head<br>(possible<br>fractured skull) | Dr. Hartsell<br>Stewart  |
| 306-B | Mrs. Vashtie Leashore<br>712 Lawrence St.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 50)  | possible frac-<br>tured ribs,<br>injury to back<br>and head    | Dr. Isabel<br>Dumont     |
| 311-D | Emerson Acoff<br>1121 Morgan Alley<br>Selma, Ala. (age 16)         | 4" sutured<br>laceration of<br>lower arm,<br>bruise of head    | Dr. Hartsell<br>Stewart  |

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| 311-C | Raymond Fails<br>2029 Eugene Ave.<br>Selma, Ala. (age 32)      | multiple lacerations of the head, possible fractured skull                                                                     | Dr. Edward Maddox    |
| 307-A | Jeanette Howard<br>Rt. 2 - Box 55<br>Marion, Ala. (age 16)     | injury to head (patient reported she was kicked by horse)(possible fractured skull)                                            | Dr. Hartsell Stewart |
| 317   | Annie Russell<br>Rt. 3 - Box 152<br>Marion, Ala. (age 35)      | possible internal injuries, bruises of the abdomen                                                                             | Dr. Hartsell Stewart |
| 204-A | Margaret Clay Brooks<br>Rt. 1 - Box 35<br>Jones, Ala. (age 26) | head laceration sutured, then discharged. Returned after suffering dizzy spells. Possible fractured skull, and top teeth loose | Dr. Isabel Dumont    |

Persons treated at Good Samaritan Hospital  
Emergency Room and released on Sunday,  
March 7, 1965, after being attacked by  
Alabama State Troopers and Members of the  
Dallas County Posse

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ruth Pritchett<br>1011 $\frac{1}{2}$ Griffin Ave.<br>Selma, Ala. | Ruth Pickett<br>1017 Griffin Ave.<br>Selma, Ala.          | Alice Harrison                                              |
| John Rankin, 18<br>3211 Perham St.<br>Selma, Ala.                | Lula Pickett, 14<br>1119 Green St.<br>Selma, Ala.         | Jacqueline Carter, 12<br>1416 Tremont St.<br>Selma, Ala.    |
| Curist Reese, 17<br>904 Minter St.<br>Selma, Ala.                | Flossie Miniffee, 17<br>540-D G.W.C. Homes<br>Selma, Ala. | M. C. Brown<br>Marion, Ala.                                 |
| Thelma Shower, 15<br>805 Green St.<br>Selma, Ala.                | Addie Moore, 35<br>Rt. 4 Box 127-B<br>Selma, Ala.         | Martha Boykin                                               |
| Lelia Solomon, 12<br>1417 Minter St.<br>Selma, Ala.              | Hosea Moore, 15<br>Rt. 4 Box 127-B<br>Selma, Ala.         | Mrs. Amelia Boynton<br>1315 Lapsley St.<br>Selma, Ala.      |
| Veronica Smith, 13<br>537-D G.W.C. Homes<br>Selma, Ala.          | Sylvester Lundy, 27                                       | Freddie Bennett, 18<br>Rt. 1 Box 180<br>Orrville, Ala.      |
| Amos Snell<br>2910 Hardie Ave.<br>Selma, Ala.                    | Elaine Lundy, 11<br>1410 St. Ann St.<br>Selma, Ala.       | Theopholis Bailey, 14<br>Selma, Ala.                        |
| John Henry Suttles<br>2914 Water Ave.<br>Selma, Ala.             | Robert Langford<br>Marion, Ala.                           | Carolyn Anderson, 15<br>P. O. Box 623<br>Marion, Ala.       |
| Jeanette Thornton, 16<br>Rt. 1 Box 97<br>Browns, Ala.            | Mamie King<br>2027 Eugene Ave.<br>Selma, Ala.             | Lawrence Carter, Jr., 16<br>Rt. 2 Box 192<br>Orrville, Ala. |



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Lena Towns  
2606 High St.  
Selma, Ala.

Oscar Jones, 17  
Rt. 2, Box 67-A  
Selma, Ala.

Ernest Ulma, 26  
1305 Voeglin Ave.  
Selma, Ala.

Sam Johnson  
1115 Small Ave.  
Selma, Ala.

Flossie White, 58  
Rt. 1 Box 1952  
Suttles, Ala.

Bertha Lee James, 14  
1301 Small Ave.  
Selma, Ala.

Joseph Pickett  
1119 Green St.  
Selma, Ala.

Barbara Harris, 16  
307 Thompson St.  
Marion, Ala.

Date March 11, 1965

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Mrs. ANNIE BOTTOMS, Nurse's Aid, Burwell Infirmary, 508 Philpot Street, Selma, Alabama, advised the following individuals were brought to the infirmary on March 7, 1965, at 3:30 P.M., and were treated as indicated:

| <u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>                                      | <u>REASON FOR ADMITTANCE</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| DELORES SANDERS<br>1934 Philpot Street<br>Selma, Alabama     | Tear gas victim              |
| ESSIE MAE GRIFFIN<br>707 Green Street<br>Selma, Alabama      | Tear gas victim              |
| PROFIT BARLOW<br>1325 Minter Street<br>Selma, Alabama        | Tear gas victim              |
| PEARLIE MAE GURETOR<br>Route Two, Box 103<br>Marion, Alabama | Tear gas victim              |
| SHEPHERD DAY<br>Route 3, Box 69<br>Selma, Alabama            | Tear gas victim              |
| LAVERNIA LEE<br>803 Green Street<br>Selma, Alabama           | Tear gas victim              |
| ANNIE MAE LOWE<br>1412 Broad Street<br>Selma, Alabama        | Skull laceration             |
| LEON WAUGH<br>1620 Griffin Street<br>Selma, Alabama          | Skull laceration             |

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On March 8, 1965, Mrs. BOTTOMS advised that PEARLIE CURETOR, LAVERNIA LEE, ANNIE LOWE, and LEON WAUGH were treated on March 7, 1965, and released the same day. She advised the others were being held for further observation and treatment.

**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

**March 11, 1965**

**Department being advised.**

  
  
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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Casper ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. Conrad ✓  
Mr. Felt ✓  
Mr. Gale ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Sullivan ✓  
Mr. Tavel ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Miss Holmes ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

FBI MOBILE

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TO DIRECTOR (44-12831)

FROM MOBILE (44-557) 2P

MARCH - SELMA, ALABAMA 3-7-65

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, SELMA, ALA., VOTING  
DISCRIMINATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, ELECTION LAWS  
CR, EL.

ATTORNEYS FOR SHERIFF JAMES G. CLARK, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.,  
U. S. District Court  
FILED PETITION, USDC, MONTGOMERY, ALA., THIS DATE FOR ORDER  
REQUIRING REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING AND OTHERS TO SHOW CAUSE AS  
TO WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT. AT SAME  
TIME, FILED MOTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
ISSUED BY USDJ FRANK M. JOHNSON, JR. MARCH NINE, LAST BE MADE  
PERMANENT. EX-117 16 MAR 15 1965

JUDGE JOHNSON DECLINED TO HOLD DR. KING IN CONTEMPT OF  
COURT AND STATED THIS MATTER WAS ONE BETWEEN THE COURT  
AND KING AND THE COURT IS STILL FREE TO RULE ON THIS  
MATTER AT A LATER DATE. APPROX. FIFTY WITNESSES WERE SUMMONED  
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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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IN CONNECTION WITH KING'S REQUEST FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST SHERIFF  
CLARK, GOV. WALLACE, AND HIGHWAY PATROL FROM INTERFERING WITH  
PROPOSED MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, INCLUDING KING, SHERIFF  
CLARK AND COL. AL LINGO, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR.

END AND ACK PLS

WA BJH

FBI WASH DC

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*cc - Mr. Rosen + Mr. Hines*



UNIDENTIFIED ALABAMA STATE TROOPERS, DEPUTIES AND POSSE MEMBERS,  
AND DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA SHERIFFS OFFICE INVOLVED IN TEAR  
GASSING AND DISPERSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 625 MARCHERS, SELMA, ALABAMA  
3-7-65  
JOHN ROBERT LEWIS ET AL - VICTIMS  
C.R. ELECTION LAWS

6:01 p. m.

March 10, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. ROSEN

MARCH - SELMA, ALABAMA 3-7-65

I called Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach to tell him we had word from Alabama from a highly confidential informant connected with the University Hospital in Birmingham that the minister is clinically dead and is being kept alive only through use of machinery, that the prognosis is extremely poor. I said the informant asked that this information be treated in strictest confidence and not disseminated outside the Bureau; that he, of course, should know this and would want to advise the President who also has a right to know. I said no doubt, when this man dies, there will be demonstrations.

I said fortunately all persons involved in that attack have been arrested in Selma this afternoon.

I again stated the condition of this man is not known to anybody outside of the hospital and they asked us to treat it as extremely confidential.

6:07 p. m.

SHERIFF, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.

The Attorney General called and suggested it would be helpful on the white minister to make some arrests on Sunday. I stated three arrests had already been made today. He then said he knew that had been done. He further stated he thought it would be helpful if we could do something with respect to Jim Clark and his people on horses in connection with what occurred Sunday.

I advised him that the investigation regarding the violence on that day is entirely concluded; that the report was made to Doar right away so he would have it for court tomorrow. I stated we are sending around tomorrow a full written report with a memorandum for him and a letter to Marvin Watson at the White House advising what the facts were in Selma on Sunday, indicating there was certainly unnecessary violence used.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont,  
DeLoach, Rosen

March 10, 1965

AL The Attorney General asked if we can tie any of it down to people. I answered that all the evidence we have is that they are actual members of the state troopers, all of whom were wearing masks; however, orders were issued to do those things by the commanding officers which will bring in Lingo. The Attorney General said he would not mind bringing Lingo in. I told him Lingo has been notably absent from the area today and the command of the troopers today has been in the hands of Cloud who was there Sunday, too. I said they have offered their services to the Chief of Police in Selma if needed today. I said it looks as if the Governor has recognized that Lingo has contributed to the outbreak down there.

The Attorney General asked if any of the police were involved in the attack on the white minister. I answered no, that they were just rowdies. I further advised him that the Chief of Police made a release down there and referred to assistance from the FBI in bringing about the arrests today.

I stated, if the man dies, there will have to be a charge of murder which the local authorities will handle. I said we will try to see what court conditions are down there as we may have the same problem we are having with Cox in Federal Court; that down there it will be the state court which will try them.

WILSON

CHIEF OF POLICE, SELMA, ALA.

The Attorney General stated it will be important to bring the charge right away. I said it would be my idea, if the man dies, that we ought to be prepared to call upon the state authorities to take prompt action. The Attorney General indicated Baker should know it ought to be made right away. I said we would see that he does so. The Attorney General said, whatever happens subsequently, it is terribly important that a murder charge be placed within an hour. I said in the meantime we have another charge against them, but it is not for murder. I said I will see that is done and that Baker has them charged immediately upon announcement of the man's death.

The Attorney General said to let him know if they have any hesitation and he will try it the other way. I said I will let him know.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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